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## Give her a break

Sabbaticals might help military keep women in ranks

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
*The Associated Press*

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Navy Cmdr. Valerie Overstreet wanted to start a family. But her job as a Navy pilot and the fact that she and her husband, also a naval officer, were stationed in different parts of the country made it complicated.

So she decided to take advantage of a fledgling Navy program that allowed her to take a year off and return to duty without risking her career or future commands.

Now, three years later, she's got a 2-year-old daughter and a 9-month-old son, she's back at work at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and her promotion to captain has been confirmed.

The year off gave Overstreet precious time to have her daughter and get started on her master's degree. The Navy retains an officer it considers promising without requiring her to sacrifice her family life.

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Navy Cmdr. Valerie Overstreet took advantage of a fledgling Navy program that allowed her to take a year off and return to duty without risking her career or future commands.

PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

## Gates as VP? Memoir yields more tasty tidbits

By LEO SHANE III  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Even the secretary of defense only has so many bombs to throw.

Most of the controversial tidbits from former Defense Secretary Robert Gates' memoir "Duty" have been made public, even before the book hits store shelves this week: his concerns about President Barack Obama's commitment in Afghanistan, his hatred of dealing with Congress, his low opinion of Vice President Joe Biden's foreign policy credentials.

Those revelations make up a small portion of the 600-plus pages — and really



cover only two chapters in the book. Here are a few other interesting items that haven't made headlines yet.

■ He was considered for Obama's vice president. Gates said he received a call from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in 2008 about the position, and answered several questions about his public stance on abortion and a few other issues.

"It took a lot of willpower for me to keep from bursting out laughing," he wrote. "I couldn't figure out if he was serious, if it was just idle flattery, or if he was delusional ... I never told anyone, in part because I didn't think they would believe me."

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're technically farmers. We grow icicles, we handpick them, harvest them, take them out and place them around sprinklers, and then we turn on those sprinklers and they grow more."

— Cory Livingood, foreman of an ice castle at the base of Loon Mountain in New Hampshire, explaining how the castles are created

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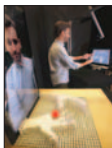
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## MILITARY



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER HLAID/Stars and Stripes

Marines with the Operations Coordination Center, which left Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Monday morning for Afghanistan, marked their bags with Hello Kitty tape so they will be able to spot them. The unit is going to Afghanistan as part of I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

## Families say their goodbyes as Marines depart for 1-year deployment

BY JENNIFER HLAID  
Stars and Stripes

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** — Cpl. Michael Nelson wanted to join the Marine Corps from a young age, and he always assumed he would deploy to Afghanistan.

On Monday morning, it was Nelson's wife, Lance Cpl. Samantha Gullatta, who got on the bus for a yearlong deployment in Helmand province while Nelson waved goodbye.

"It's an eye-opener," Nelson said. "It's just different looking at it this way."

I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) will soon take command of Regional Command-Southwest, based at Camp Leatherneck. The unit will be the last major Marine command to deploy to Afghanistan. It will focus on getting equipment and people out of Afghanistan safely and on helping to make sure the April presidential elections and political transition go smoothly.

Daniel Hunt, 15, said he arrived at the dark parking lot at 2 a.m. Monday to spend time with his father, chaplain of the unit. This is the fifth deployment for Cmdr. Thomas Hunt during Daniel's life, but the teenager said it never gets any easier.

Christa Schloegel also has been through several deployments in



Left: Daniel Hunt, 15, prays while waiting for his father, Cmdr. Thomas Hunt, to board a bus for the yearlong deployment. Right: A family embraces as their Marine prepares to leave.

19 years with her husband, Maj. Erich Schloegel. The last time he left, his oldest daughter was just 5. This time, Emme's 13.

"I remember him leaving," Emme said as she huddled in the morning chill with her mom and sister, Lily, 8. "I thought he



Lt. Gen. John Toolan, commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force — parent unit of I MEF (Fwd) — told the deploying Marines to stay vigilant, to never let their guard down.

"You can't give up your security," he said. "It is still dangerous."

Many of the roughly 140 Marines who left Monday morning are part of the unit's command element. Sgt. Wes Gregory is part of the Operations Coordination Center, which falls under I MEF (Fwd), but he will be advising Afghan forces while he's in the country.

Gregory previously deployed to Afghanistan as an adviser in 2012 and stayed six months longer than he had planned because he enjoyed it so much.

"I had a blast," he said. Gregory was in Afghanistan when insider attacks were at an all-time high, but he said the Afghans who were members of his team were wonderful and made sure to take care of the Marines — even walking them to their vehicles to ensure their safety.

Afghan forces are now in the lead for the overwhelming majority of operations in the country, but the Marines can still help, Gregory said. "We're like the little birdie in their ear to guide them in the right direction."

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## MILITARY

# S. Korea to pay more for US upkeep

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND  
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SEOUL — South Korea has agreed to increase its contributions toward the upkeep of U.S. forces on the peninsula by 5.8 percent this year, following a three-day round of talks that capped months of negotiations.

The U.S. and South Korea agreed to a new, five-year Special Measures Agreement in Seoul on Saturday, replacing the deal that expired at the end of 2013.

Under the new agreement, South Korea will pay 920 billion

won — about \$866.6 million — for upkeep of the 28,500 U.S. troops in 2014, in addition to unspecified contributions toward labor, logistics and construction, according to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. Annual increases based on inflation will be capped at 4 percent.

"The majority of SMA funding is recirculated through the Korean economy via salaries and benefits paid to Korean workers, supply-and-service contracts with Korean firms, and the implementation of local construction work," a U.S. Embassy statement said Sunday.

The latest agreement was signed in 2009, setting South Korea's contribution for that year at about \$775 million, with provisions for annual increases for inflation. Negotiations began last summer but dragged on over differences in how much South Korea would contribute, and concerns in Seoul that the U.S. was not being transparent in its use of funds.

The new agreement includes measures intended to increase transparency. However, South Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs would not comment Monday

on why Seoul believes its oversight of defense fund spending has been inadequate.

The Senate Armed Services Committee found in an April report that South Korean contributions were not keeping pace with the growth in U.S. costs, and in 2012, U.S. spending was expected to outpace South Korean contributions by \$330 million. No figures were released on how much the U.S. is expected to pay under the new agreement.

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## Say what?

A sample of reader comments from  
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### Sabbaticals for family?

Military leaders are experimenting with programs, including a sabbatical to start a family, that will give valued officers and enlisted troops the incentive to stay.

### Readers respond:

Somehow, this sounds like an officers-only program. Also, does that sabbatical year count for retirement purposes.

— TheCalmvoiceofreason

So if I want to take a year off to walk the Camino de Santiago and party, that is OK or do I have to get pregnant?

— BigEasy01

So, the question is: WHO decides who is valuable and therefore WHO qualifies? Is this an effort across the board, open to all servicemembers?

— Marta Harrington

I served 27 years in the AF and am an old male but we do adapt our institutions to the current environment. We do let people of both genders go to school, they do exchange tours, etc. This does add to our effectiveness. Starting a family is different for women and we should acknowledge this.

— CharlesHouston

If this is done correctly, I could see this being a valuable program. I've counseled many young ladies who I thought professionally were very good in their performance but were also family-oriented, and it's not an easy balance for them.

— DeskPilot

I'm wondering who will do her job for a year. Do her colleagues cover her responsibilities along with their own, and is that fair to them? It's one thing to fill in for someone during a couple of weeks leave, but for an entire year? If her job is just put on hold while she's gone, then is that position even needed?

— OwlCreekObserver

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## Break: Officials say 'intermission' can help meet personal needs

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Across the military services, leaders are experimenting with programs that will give valued officers and enlisted troops, men and women, the incentive to stay. Also, as the Pentagon moves to bring women into more jobs closer to the combat zone, military officials believe it is crucial to keep midcareer female officers in the services so they can mentor those on the front lines.

"We have innovative things we're trying to retain women in the service," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, vice chief of naval operations. "It's about creating the personnel policies that enable someone to say it's Navy and family, instead of Navy or family."

At Camp Lejeune, the Bergstrom sisters are part of a Marine family tradition.

Identical twins Katherine and Sarah watched their older sister, Rachel, join the Marine Corps' ROTC at their high school in Cumming, Ga. Rachel, now working as an administrative officer in the Pentagon, was intrigued when she saw ROTC members playing soccer at school, and she decided to join the program.

"She's a very aggressive young lady," said retired Marine Maj. Mac Kelly, who runs the program at North Forsyth High School. "You could take her to a formal dance or to a knife fight and she'd know how to act in both situations."

The twins eventually followed their sister into the ROTC. Both went on to the Naval Academy and then into combat, with Sarah heading to Afghanistan for a one-year tour and Katherine to the Mideast. At one point, Sarah and Rachel were deployed at the same time to Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province.

Standing in the early-morning snow outside the headquarters for II Marine Expeditionary Force, Sarah and Katherine recently acknowledged that as women in the Marine Corps, they stand out a bit, and the scrutiny can be more intense.

"You do have to be more aware than you have a little bit more visibility, so you have to be more within standards, and ensure that you are



U.S. Navy Cmdr. Valerie Overstreet sits in her office at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

being strict with regulations as every Marine should," said Katherine, who deployed to the Middle East on the USS Iwo Jima with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. "There is a bit more pressure on females, women in general, because we do have family issues. We're just more prone to that."

That's why, she said, there aren't as many women in the higher ranks. In fact, she was facing that very dilemma: family or the Marine Corps.

In October, Katherine left the service and moved from Camp Lejeune to California to be with her fiancé. It was a difficult decision, but in the end, she said, she chose stability.

"For women to have a family and a career, it's just extremely difficult. And, being in the military, it is extra sacrifice, you have deployments, you have workups, and it just makes it that much more challenging," she said. "The Marine Corps is a lifestyle, it's not a job. You dress it, you eat it, you breathe it, you live it. For me, I want to focus on getting married."

So far, Sarah has chosen to stay

in. "I love being a Marine, I love the people I work with," she said. But not long ago, Rachel said she also is weighing similar issues.

It's not an uncommon dilemma. More often than men in the military, women choose their families over service.

The sabbatical program is one way of encouraging women to stay, said Ferguson, and Army leaders agree.

Lt. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg, the Army's deputy chief of staff, said the program is under review and has not yet been approved by the Army secretary. A decision is expected early in the year, and if approved, the program would start out small.

It will give men and women "an intermission period to meet their personal needs," said Bromberg. He said a woman who decides to have a family would be able to stay home with the child, or someone else might need time to take care of an ailing parent.

"We want to explore it, and see if we can help out those who need help and may be of the type of person who wants to come back and serve," he said. "It will be open to everybody, but certainly,

the example of a female soldier or couple that have a child and want to have time at home — that's the goal as well."

That plan worked for Overstreet, even though she was skeptical at first.

"I thought, why in the world would I leave for a year? It didn't make sense to me. But, when I sat down and thought about it, it was such an opportunity to be able to concentrate on my health and be at home. It was a blessing."

Three months into the sabbatical, she got pregnant, and her daughter was 3 months old when she went back to work at the academy.

"I think it's a fantastic program for people who are on the bubble ... People who are wondering if they can do both," she said. "If they want to concentrate on family or just want to concentrate on going to school — they don't have to make that choice. They can actually take the year to three years off and concentrate on that and know that their job is there and you can come back in right where you left off. And you're not at risk of losing the career that you have worked so hard at."

## MILITARY

# Airmen's bodies returned to US after helo crash

By ADAM L. MATHIS

Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — The bodies of four airmen killed in an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter crash have been transferred to the United States.

The bodies arrived Monday at Dover Air Base, Del., after being airlifted from RAF Mildenhall, England, on Sunday, officials said.

Capt. Christopher S. Stover, Capt. Sean M. Ruane, Tech. Sgt. Dale E. Mathews and Staff Sgt. Afon M. Ponce, all with the 56th Rescue Squadron from RAF Lakenheath, were killed during a low-level training mission Jan. 7 when their helicopter crashed on a nature reserve near Salthouse, England.

Col. Kyle Robinson, 48th Fighter Wing commander, said at a news conference two days after

the incident that he was not aware of communications from the helicopter indicating anything was wrong before the crash.

However, residents of Salthouse said the helicopter sounded unusual as it flew by the town on the night of the crash.

No details have been released about the cause of the accident, but some media outlets have speculated that a bird strike may have been to blame.

The Telegraph reported that local police believed there was a "possibility" the helicopter struck a goose.

Residents of Salthouse are used to hearing low-flying aircraft.

A local government official told The Guardian that flying low over the birds' breeding grounds was an "accident waiting to happen."

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## Yokota-based airman dies

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A Yokota-based airman was killed in a motorcycle accident Monday about 4:30 p.m. in front of the Yokota Community Center, according to a news release from the 37th Airlift Wing.

Yokota first responders provided medical attention and transported the airman to a local emergency medical center where

he was pronounced dead.

"This is a tremendous shock for all of us here at Yokota," said Col. Clarence Lukes, 37th Airlift Wing vice commander. "Our thoughts and prayers are with this airman's family and his teammates as they cope with this tragic loss."

The airman's name is being withheld pending next of kin notification. An investigation of the accident is underway.



JOSHUA L. DeMOTT/Stars and Stripes

Some of the first patrons at the newly opened fitness center at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, use weight-lifting equipment Monday.

## AF opens new fitness center

By JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — Base residents marked another ribbon-cutting here by burning some calories in the Air Force's newest fitness center, a facility that's part of a multiyear, multimillion-dollar expansion at Spangdahlem.

Two hours after the fitness center's grand opening ceremony, the center was open to the public. Treadmills were fired up and the weight room was christened with the first drops of sweat.

"It's awesome," said Tech. Sgt. Earlene Rice, who walked through the center with her colleague at public health, Staff Sgt. Dawn Bussell. "We went to every room except for the men's locker room."

"I think it's going to be a nice change," Bussell said. "The other one was just so old. This is open, brighter."

The new fitness center, which doesn't have a name yet, replaces Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. Skelton was built in 1953 and was

the Air Force's fourth-oldest fitness center still in use, according to base officials.

Part of Skelton will be demolished. The remaining structure will be used for unit physical fitness training and other group fitness events, base officials said.

With about 69,000 square feet, the new \$24 million center has more floor space than Skelton. Even on a gray, foggy day, the new center, with large windows throughout, was light and bright.

Amenities include a spacious gym floor with multiple basketball courts ringed by an upper-level jogging track; a rock climbing wall; and more instructional rooms.

The cardio machines allow users to view actual video footage of U.S. National Park hiking trails, and they'll soon be set up with access to TV.

The Health and Wellness Center, located at the center, has a kitchen classroom for food and health classes.

The facility is part of the base's northwest expansion program, spread across an area of nearly

133 acres, according to base officials.

The impending closure of Bitburg Annex is driving the \$375 million construction project, as the Air Force and other agencies work to incorporate functions at Bitburg into Spangdahlem.

Some of the major projects yet to be completed include a new child development center, slated to open this summer; a new commissary, set to open by summer 2016; and renovation and expansion of the elementary school, said Quinn Newton, a community planner. A combined middle and high school is scheduled to be finished by December 2017.

"The middle school-high school is a relocation from Bitburg," Newton said. "That's kind of our linchpin in the closure of Bitburg."

"That is the last large block to move here. All of that is being relocated so that Spangdahlem can continue to function with all the functions that we used to have at two installations."

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## Japan wants to join US, India in annual Malabar exercise

By ERIK SLAVIN

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Japanese Self-Defense Force wants to join an annual sea drill held by the United States and India later this year, according to Indian media reports.

The request to participate in the Malabar exercise came during a four-day visit to New Delhi last week by Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera, and just one month after Japan and India held their first-ever bilateral exercise in the Bay of Bengal.

Japan and India both saw tensions rise last year over separate territorial disputes with China.

"During the meeting with [Indian defense minister] AK Antony, I asked for the participation of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Forces in the naval war games," Onodera said recently, according to The Times of India.

"This is not targeting a specific country," Onodera later added. "This is an ex-



DANIEL VILAMONTES/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**Petty Officer 3rd Class Philip Horsley, left, talks with members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force aboard the USS Blue Ridge during Exercise Malabar 2009.**

ercise between three friendly countries to participate for security of sea lanes; this is an important exercise."

Neither India nor the United States has publicly said whether Japan's request would be accepted. Japanese defense min-

istry officials were unavailable for further comment Monday, a national holiday in Japan.

No date has been specified for the exercise, which most recently was held in November.

Japan last participated in a Malabar exercise in 2009, when part of the drill was held near Okinawa. Since then, a dispute over ownership of a small island group between Okinawa Prefecture and China, known as the Senkaku by Tokyo and Diaoyu by Beijing, has soured relations between the two countries.

The islands, which have been administered by Japan since the U.S. gave them back in 1972, have sparked China and Japan to scramble fighter jets in their defense during the past year, and also provoked tensions at sea.

Indian news outlets wrote last year that India withdrew from plans for a multilateral exercise with the U.S. and Japan off the coast of Guam because of how China might have perceived the exercise, though

Indian officials did not publicly comment.

Following that withdrawal in 2013, a Chinese People's Liberation Army platoon deployed to Indian-administered territory in Aksai Chin, which China considers part of Tibet.

The platoon remained several miles south of the "line of actual control" — a makeshift border agreed upon following the 1962 Sino-India border war — and left only after several weeks of negotiation and an Indian concession to destroy bunkers in another sector, according to Indian media reports.

Malabar 2013 included the Yokosuka-based USS McCampbell. The exercise was considerably scaled down from 2012, when it included the USS Carl Vinson carrier strike group.

The at-sea portions in 2011 were conducted in the western Pacific Ocean, east of the Luzon Strait and east of Okinawa, according to past Navy reports.

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## MILITARY

## Cape Ray to set sail for weapons disposal mission

By JON HARPER  
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WASHINGTON — The MV Cape Ray soon will set sail on a mission to destroy Syria's stockpile of mustard gas and chemicals that can be used to produce VX and sarin nerve agents, the Pentagon said Monday.

The Cape Ray houses the new Field Deployable Hydrolysis System, which was built last year when Defense Department officials anticipated that a mobile system eventually would be needed to neutralize Syria's chemical weapons and their precursors.

The Cape Ray just completed its final round of sea trials. During the trials, the crew and the FDHS operators evaluated the ship and the FDHS at various sea states. They conducted training drills and assessed all systems aboard.

The Cape Ray is scheduled to return to port in Portsmouth, Va., on Tuesday for final outfitting, and will be prepared to depart late this week or early next week,

Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said.

The Cape Ray will pick up the Syrian chemicals at an undisclosed port in Italy and then sail into international waters, where the FDHS will neutralize the materials with water and bleach. The mission is part of an international disarmament effort led by the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The transit time from Portsmouth to Italy will be about two weeks, Warren said.

Part of the Syrian stockpile was loaded onto a Danish vessel at the Syrian port of Latakia last week, according to the OPCW. When the full stockpile has been surrendered to the international community, it will be shipped to Italy, where it will be transferred to the Cape Ray.

"The Cape Ray will be prepared to wait until the chemical weapons are ready to be brought on board," Warren said.

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Ted S. Warren/AP

Army veteran Oskar Zepeda removes a hard drive from a computer seized as evidence at a digital forensics lab at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office in Seattle in December.

# Wounded vets fight new enemy: Child predators

## Judge: Examine ex-soldier, reconsider discharge status

By BRETT BARROQUERE  
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — An Iraq War veteran who twice deployed to Iraq is being re-examined by the U.S. Army after a federal judge found that the military may have mishandled his medical complaints and involuntary discharge from the service.

The chief judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Patricia Campbell-Smith, ordered both the Army and the attorney for Richard P. Watson, of Hebron, Ky., to report back to the court by February on the status and results of physical examinations. Should Watson be diagnosed with an ailment that would exclude him from combat service, Campbell-Smith ordered the military to determine whether Watson's discharge should be changed and if he is eligible for disability retirement.

Watson, who enlisted in 2004 and rose to the rank of corporal in the Army in 2007, sued the military in 2012 after being discharged under other-than-honorable conditions for refusing orders to return to Iraq in December 2007. Watson told the military he had severe vision problems, a claim the Army rejected before discharging him with missing movement by design or willingly failing to deploy as ordered.

Watson's case started in 2006 when he was in Germany after his first deployment to Iraq. During his time in Germany, Watson, according to doctors, experienced the onset of symptoms of multiple sclerosis, with which he was later diagnosed. Army and German doctors diagnosed Watson with

optic nerve atrophy and optic neuritis of the left eye — the end result of any disease that damages nerve cells.

"They failed to diagnose him," said Watson's attorney, Raymond Toney, of Emeryville, Calif. "They failed to follow up."

The Army placed Watson on restricted duty through the end of April 2007. Watson deployed to Iraq for a second time in August of 2007, where an improvised explosive device detonated near him. Fellow soldiers found Watson on Oct. 10, 2007 — 10 days after the explosion — unconscious at his base in Iraq and his rifle roughly 20 feet away.

After a medical exam, the Army put Watson on 14 days restriction and extra duty. Toney said Watson's vision in his left eye deteriorated to 20/400.

Watson took leave on Dec. 2, 2007, before returning to Germany, where he was ordered to deploy to Iraq again on Dec. 23, 2007. Watson refused and later pleaded guilty to intentionally missing his deployment. A military judge sentenced Watson to 28 days in a military prison, demoted him to private and ordered him discharged under other-than-honorable conditions.

After being discharged, Watson petitioned the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records, asking the board to correct his records to show that he was not administratively discharged, and order the Army to process him through its disability evaluation system. The board denied his petition, claiming that Watson presented "no evidence" that he had medical conditions that required his evaluation.

By KEVIN FREKING  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Oskar Zepeda has had pretty much one mission in his life: Kill or capture.

After serving nine tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, he now has a new target — child predators.

Zepeda, 29, is part of a 17-member class of veterans trained in computer forensics and sent to Immigration and Customs Enforcement field offices. They aren't paid, and there's no guarantee that they'll have full-time jobs when their one-year stint ends.

But the interns are finding the purpose of their new mission outweighs financial considerations.

"I love challenges. And I have a family of my own," said Zepeda, whose military career was cut short by a hand grenade and the 25 operations that followed. "I feel I'm still serving my country and protecting my family at the same time."

For Shannon Krieger, who was in the Army and is now assigned to an ICE office in New Orleans, "This was a new fight I could sink my teeth into. That's what really I was looking for. I wasn't just going to take a job so I can have a paycheck."

Federal officials say a children's lobbying group, PROTECT, pitched the idea of incorporating wounded veterans in the fight against child pornography. ICE Special Agent Patrick Redding said the agency, where veterans account for 30 percent of the workforce, ran with the idea. "They built their career upon fighting for this country and

keeping citizens of this country safe," Redding said. "What better to get somebody already with it's mother battlefield, very similar, but you're keeping our children safe. You're taking predators off the street."

The agency relied on the U.S. Special Operations Command to get the word out to wounded servicemembers transitioning out of the military or already separated. The veterans were given about 11 weeks of intensive computer and legal training before being assigned to ICE field offices.

Even though they're not getting paid by ICE, the majority of those on the team are receiving disability compensation. Many also get monthly stipends from the Department of Veterans Affairs for educational expenses.

In exchange, they're gaining expertise in computer forensics, a skill that's in high demand with law enforcement agencies, and one that could lend itself to job offers once the internships are completed.

In general, the veterans work in labs and scour the computers and flash drives that agents in the field confiscate when conducting search warrants. The veterans have two priorities: Analyze the evidence to assist in the prosecution of a suspect, and help determine whether there are children still in harm's way who need to be rescued.

The veterans also are called on to help agents carry out search warrants. Zepeda said that's how he spent his first day on the job.

"We went on a raid and it was almost like I never left the Army," he said. "It was like, 'I'm ready. Let's do it.'"

When it comes to child pornography, a child is defined as any person younger than 18. The Department of Justice said 2,331 defendants were charged in federal court during the past fiscal year with producing, distributing or receiving child pornography. During the previous four years, the number of federal defendants charged with child pornography offenses ranged from 2,012 to 2,254.

The veterans say they've already seen what Krieger called the "real dark side of what humankind can do."

"I'm talking about young kids, 18-month olds, toddlers. This is some of the most horrible stuff I could conceive of imagining and I'm looking at it on a daily basis," Krieger said.

ICE Special Agent Brian Widener said part of the interview process was spelling out for the veterans the types of materials they would have to view. Each veteran was assigned someone who will check on them at least once per month to make sure they are doing OK. The veterans can call their case managers anytime they find themselves needing to talk.

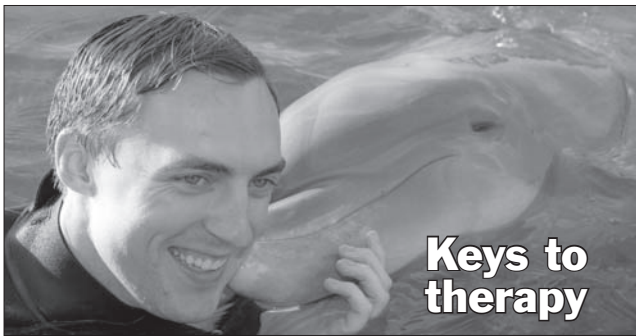
The veterans said their combat experience is proving to be an asset when it comes to dealing with the emotional toll of the job.

"I'm able to turn a lot of things off," Krieger said. "If I couldn't, I'd probably have gone crazy." Zepeda said that, in his time in Iraq and Afghanistan, "I've seen it all. Trust me."

He said he tries not to think too much about what he sees on the job.

"You just move on," he said. "You know what you're seeing, but you're not getting personal with it."

## MILITARY



## Keys to therapy

**Above:** U.S. Army Ranger 1st Lt. Nathan Rimpf gets a dolphin kiss at the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon, Fla. Rimpf, who lost both legs after stepping on an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan in July 2012, is one of about 50 injured vets who participated in the four-day Soldier Ride bus and bicycle trip in the Florida Keys. The event, which concluded in Key West on Sunday, was staged by the Wounded Warrior Project to help restore injured soldiers' physical and emotional well-being.

**Right:** U.S. Army Sgt. Wade Mitchell, right, and other wounded veterans pedal across the Seven Mile Bridge in the Florida Keys on Friday as part of the event.

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## Trial set to start in Navy divers' deaths

By MICHAEL E. RUANE  
The Washington Post

The Navy divers knew it was a risky operation. The Aberdeen, Md., "superpond" was deep enough to hold a 14-story building. Its water was black and cold, and the bottom was a tangle of muck and debris.

An Army diver had died there a month earlier. And now, with some crucial equipment broken, James Reyher and Ryan Harris had to make the dive with scuba gear and little margin for error.

Even for a quick "bounce" dive, scuba tanks would give them only about 11 minutes of air to go down 150 feet and get back up. It was only a training evaluation, but no Navy scuba diver had gone below 130 feet in years.

The two men were asked if they wanted to make the dive. They could say no. But they thought that might affect their standing and their coming deployment. So Reyher and Harris entered the frigid water that day last winter and began their descent.

On Monday, a court-martial is scheduled to begin for a Navy supervisor in connection with the deaths of Reyher, 28, and Harris, 23, on Feb. 26 in the man-made pond at the Army's test center in

Aberdeen.

The two divers, tethered to each other and to a surface line, apparently got caught on something below. By the time they could be hauled up by frantic comrades, they had run out of air and drowned, according to a Navy investigative report.

**'This was a tragic accident, not a crime.'**

Navy Lt. Cmdr. John Butler lead defense counsel

the bubbles floating up increased dramatically and then stopped. Someone asked if this was part of the evaluation. It wasn't.

"In hindsight, the dive ... should not have been undertaken," Capt. Holiday Hanna, a Navy investigating officer, concluded. "The plan ... did not allow the divers sufficient air or time in the event of unforeseen problems."

But Navy divers are said to live by a "Hooyah" code—a stubborn,

can-do attitude in which nothing is deemed impossible.

"Navy divers can accomplish anything," Cmdr. Michael Runkle, who headed the unit to which Reyher and Harris belonged, wrote in an essay 10 months before the accident. "When handed a roll of duct tape and a snorkel and tasked to repair an aircraft and recover a downed plane, the Navy diver says, 'Hooyah' and gets it done," Runkle wrote. "Divers never say 'can't.'"

The defendant, Senior Chief Diver James Burger, who is charged with dereliction of duty, is accused of failing "to ensure established diving procedures and safety requirements were adhered to, as it was his duty to do so," according to his charge sheet.

Burger denies the charge. "This was a tragic accident, not a crime," his lead defense counsel, Navy Lt. Cmdr. John Butler, wrote in an email. "Senior Chief Burger steadfastly maintains his innocence and looks forward to clearing his good name."

The court-martial of a second supervisor in the case is tentatively scheduled for next week, and several other senior divers who were at Aberdeen have received administrative punishments.

## ‘Duty’ defended

Gates says memoir's criticisms of Obama over war not poorly timed

By GREG JAFFE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates defended his criticism of President Barack Obama's handling of the Afghanistan War while the president is in office and troops are still fighting, saying he thought it important to be candid in his new memoir.

"I don't think that waiting until 2017 to weigh in on these issues, and in a comprehensive and thoughtful way, made any sense," he told CBS's "Sunday Morning."

In his book, titled "Duty," Gates doesn't take issue with Obama's big policy decisions but accuses him of an "absence of passion" and an unwillingness to make it clear to the troops that their success was critical to U.S. national security.

He also writes that Obama became convinced that his war strategy would fail within a few months of committing to it and seemed to have grave doubts about it from the outset.

"People gave me a lot of credit when I was in office of being blunt



Gates

and candid about what I felt about things," Gates said in the Sunday interview. "I could hardly be any less in writing a book."

Excerpts from the 600-page-plus memoir quickly became fodder for political debates. Both Republicans and Democrats worried that Gates's critique of a sitting president and his administration would sow distrust within future administrations and chill internal debates.

Gates seemed nonplussed with Washington's reaction to his memoir.

"The way people are looking at the book reflects the polarization of our political process at this point," he said in the interview.

He said his "objective was to stand back and try and provide a nonpartisan look at the kind of issues that have driven our country and given our government for the last number of years," he said.

## Tidbits: Gates says more troops should receive the Medal of Honor

## FROM FRONT PAGE

■ Vets groups gave him headaches. "I greatly admire the (veterans service organizations) for their work on behalf of veterans ... that said, again and again they were a major problem whenever I tried to do something to help those still on active duty," he wrote. "Those still on active duty seemed to be of secondary importance, especially if any new benefits or procedures might affect veterans."

For example, Gates thought the post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits were too generous, and he pushed to make only troops who served for at least five years eligible for the tuition funds. Instead, Congress made anyone with at least three years on active duty eligible, deferring to veterans advocacy groups.

■ Actor Kevin Bacon helped change the military policy that banned coverage of the bodies of fallen servicemen arriving at Dover, Del. In 2009 after a lengthy review, Gates approved access for reporters and photographers to attend the return ceremonies for troops killed in wars overseas, provided the deceased's families OK'd the coverage. In the book, he singled out the HBO movie "Taking Chance" — in which Bacon's character escorts the remains of a fallen Marine home — as an unexpected influence.

"I often reminded colleagues that presidents and other senior officials listen to a wide array

of voices other than those in official government channels," he wrote. "After seeing the film, I was resolved that we should publicly honor as many of our fallen warriors as possible, beginning at Dover."

■ He had to take a drug test for the job. After a full background check, an in-depth confirmation hearing and weeks of preparation to take over at the Pentagon, Gates was welcomed in his first week by a sergeant requesting an early morning urine sample. "Even the secretary of defense was not exempt from that," he wrote.

■ He believes there are too few Medal of Honor recipients. Gates said the heroism he saw from reports in Iraq and Afghanistan indicated that more troops should have been recognized with the nation's highest military honor. Pentagon generals forwarded only a few names.

Officials said publicly that the standards hadn't changed since previous wars, but Gates wrote otherwise.

"I once asked (Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Pete) Chiarelli why so few had been recommended," Gates wrote. "He said because the medals had been passed out so freely in Vietnam, succeeding officers were determined to raise the bar. They had raised it too high, he thought."

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## NATION

# Recess appointment issue goes to high court

By MARK SHERMAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and Senate Republicans are squaring off at the Supreme Court over the president's power to temporarily fill high-level positions.

The high court was set to hear arguments Monday in a politically charged dispute that also is the first in the nation's history to explore the meaning of a provision of the Constitution known as the recess appointments clause. Under the provision, the president may make temporary appointments to positions that otherwise require confirmation by the Senate, but only when the Senate is in recess.

The court battle is an outgrowth of the increasing partisanship and political stalemate that have been

hallmarks of Washington during the past 20 years, and especially since Obama took office in 2009.

Senate Republicans' refusal to allow votes for nominees to the National Labor Relations Board and the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau spurred the president to make the temporary, or recess, appointments in January 2012.

Three federal appeals courts have said Obama overstepped his authority because the Senate was not in recess when he acted. The Supreme Court case involves a dispute between a Washington state bottling company and a local Teamsters union in which the NLRB sided with the union. The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia overturned the board's ruling, and hundreds more NLRB rulings could be voided if the Supreme

Court upholds the appeals court decision.

More broadly, if the justices ratify the lower-court ruling, it would make it nearly impossible for a president to use the recess power. Under such a ruling, presidential nominees could be blocked indefinitely when the president's party does not control the Senate.

Three federal appeals courts have upheld recess appointments in previous administrations.

Senate Republicans also are taking part in the case, in support of the company, Noel Canning.

The impasse over confirming nominees to the NLRB and the CFPB was resolved last summer. Majority Democrats have since changed Senate rules to limit the ability of the minority party to block most presidential nominees, spurred by GOP efforts to

block three Obama appeals court nominees.

While situations like the one that led to the current court case are unlikely to arise in the short term, a Republican takeover of the Senate in the midterm elections in November could prompt a new round of stalled nominations, said John Elwood, a Washington lawyer who served in the Justice Department during the Bush administration and has written extensively about recess appointments. "We may be back where we were before," Elwood said.

The justices will be considering two broad questions and a narrower one as well.

The big issues are whether recess appointments can be made only during the once-per-year break between sessions of Congress and whether the vacancy must occur while the Senate is

away in order to be filled during the same break.

Solicitor General Donald Verri Jr. told the court that 14 presidents have temporarily installed 600 civilians and thousands of military officers in positions that were vacant when the Senate went into recess at any point, a practice that has been well-understood by both presidents and lawmakers. A high court ruling that a recess only happens once per year would "dramatically upset that long-settled equilibrium," Verri said.

The narrower issue is whether brief, pro forma sessions of the Senate, held every few days to break up a longer Senate hiatus, can prevent the president from making recess appointments. That's what the Senate did, at Republicans' insistence, during the time when Obama acted.



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Unemployed electrician Stan Osnowitz sits in his living room in Baltimore on Friday.

## Loss of jobless benefits is leaving many to contend with bleak future

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A cutoff of benefits for the long-term unemployed has left more than 1.3 million Americans with a stressful decision about what to do next.

Without their unemployment checks, many will abandon what had been a futile search and will no longer look for a job — an exodus that could dwarf the 347,000 Americans who stopped seeking work in December. Beneficiaries have been required to look for work to receive unemployment checks.

Some who lost their benefits say they'll begin an early and unplanned retirement. Others will pile on debt to pay for school and an eventual second career. Many will likely lean on family, friends and other government programs to get by.

They're people like Stan Osnowitz, 67, an electrician in Baltimore who lost his state unemployment benefits of \$430 per week. The money put gasoline into his car to help him look for work.

Osnowitz said a continuation of his benefits would have enabled his job search to

continue into spring, when construction activity usually increases and more electrical jobs become available.

He said he's sought low-paid work at home improvement stores like Lowe's and Home Depot. He acknowledged that at his age, the prospect of a minimum-wage job is depressing.

"I have two choices," Osnowitz said. "I can take a job at McDonald's or something and give up everything I've studied and everything I've worked for and all the experience that I have. Or I can go to retirement."

Unemployment benefits were extended as a federal emergency move during the 2008 financial crisis at a time of rising unemployment. The benefits have gone to millions who had exhausted their regular state unemployment checks, typically after six months.

Last month, the extended-benefits program was allowed to expire, a casualty of deficit-minded Republican lawmakers who argue that the government can't afford to fund it indefinitely and that unemployment benefits do little to put people back to work.

## Spanish speakers frustrated by federal health care site

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

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The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Mirroring problems with the federal health care website, people around the nation attempting to navigate the Spanish version have discovered their own set of difficulties.

The site, CuidadoDeSalud.gov, launched more than two months late.

A Web page with Spanish instructions linked users to an English form. The translations were so clunky and full of grammatical mistakes that critics say they must have been computer-generated. The name of the site, itself, can literally be read "for the caution of health."

"When you get into the details of the plans, it's not all written in Spanish. It's written in Spanglish, so we end up having to translate it for them," said Adrian Madriz, a health care navigator who helps with enrollment in Miami.

The issues with the site underscore the halting efforts across the nation to get Spanish speakers enrolled under the federal health care law. Critics say that as a result of various problems, including those related to the website, many people whom the law was designed to help have been left out of the first wave of coverage.

Federal officials say they have been working to make the site better and plan further improvements soon. Also, administrators say they welcome feedback and try to fix typos or other errors quickly.

"We launched consumer-friendly Spanish online enrollment tools on CuidadoDeSalud.gov in December which represents one more way for Latinos to enroll in Marketplace plans," Health and Human Services Department spokesman Richard Daigue said in an email to The Associated Press. "Since the soft-launch, we continue to work closely with key stakeholders to get feedback in order to improve the experience for those consumers that use the website."

Still, efforts to enroll Spanish speakers have fallen short in several states with large Hispanic populations, and critics say the translated version of HealthCare.gov could have helped boost those numbers.

In California, officials have acknowl-

edged the need for improvements, saying fewer than 5,500 people signed up for health care insurance in Spanish in October and November, the most recent period for which records are available. About 4.3 million California residents speak only Spanish, according to census data. It's not clear how many of those residents are without health insurance, but observers say few groups are more vulnerable.

"Spanish speakers are typically the ones who need to sign up for health insurance," said Veronica Plaza, a professor who teaches medical Spanish at the University of New Mexico. "They are the ones who could use the support."

In New Mexico, the state with the nation's highest percentage of Latino residents and where more than 20 percent of the state's population goes without health insurance, fewer than 1,000 people total signed up for coverage in October and November.

In Florida, federal health officials have not said how many of the state's nearly 18,000 enrollees for October and November were Latino, but that group accounts for about one-third of the roughly 3.5 million uninsured people in the state. About 1.2 million people in the state speak only Spanish.

Across the U.S., about 12 percent of the 317 million people in the country speak only Spanish, but federal officials have said less than 4 percent of calls to a national hotline were Spanish-only as of last month.

Many blame at least some of the enrollment problems on the trouble-plagued site. "In my opinion, the website doesn't work," said Gretti Diaz, 37, a Miami gas station cashier who is originally from Cuba.

Diaz said she tried to sign up at home using CuidadoDeSalud.gov. After she couldn't get the website to accept a scanned document, she called the government's Spanish hotline seeking help. However, she was repeatedly told to call back because the site was down. She got through days later and waited more than an hour for an operator before she ultimately was disconnected.

"I'm very frustrated," she said through a translator this month. "I've spent at least one week on the phone, and I couldn't get it done."



## NATION



PHOTOS BY JIM COLE/AP

Patrons tour an ice castle at the base of the Loon Mountain ski resort in Lincoln, N.H.

## Tourists drawn to ice castles in 3 states

By HOLLY RAMER  
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, N.H. — Farming is tough during a New Hampshire winter — unless you're growing icicles.

At the base of Loon Mountain in Lincoln, an ice castle not unlike the frosty palace in the Disney movie "Frozen" is rising from the ground, one icicle at a time. It's one of three ice castles being built by the same company — the others are in Breckenridge, Colo., and Midway, Utah — this winter.

Brent Christensen, who now lives in Hawaii, started his Ice Castles company a few years ago after spending several winters building elaborate slides and ice towers for his kids in his backyard in Utah. He initially sprayed water onto wooden frames, only to be left with a tangled mess of splintered wood in spring.

The next year, he experimented with blocks of ice, building a small igloo to which he added chunks of snow and ice.

"During that process, I almost accidentally started thinking about icicles," he said. "At first it was just for cosmetics. I thought, 'This will look really cool.' And then, with time, I stumbled on the idea of crisscrossing the icicles, and that's when I found ... you can actually grow them in certain ways."

Eventually, he approached ski areas about building larger structures that could serve as temporary art installations and tourist attractions, and the idea took off. It costs tens of thousands of dol-



Cory Livingood places icicles on the top of his ice castle.

lars to build the castles, the largest of which spans about an acre, and visitors pay \$8 to \$10 to walk through them. About 8,000 people have visited the New Hampshire castle since it opened Dec. 27.

Matt Brown, of Somerville, Mass., who toured the castle last week, said he recently saw "Frozen" and was curious to see how real ice castle compared with the movie version.

"I obviously knew it wouldn't be quite like that because that's an animated thing, and it's a lot easier to animate things than make them in real life, but I thought it would be an interesting way to spend 30 or 60 minutes," he said. "It's really neat."

The castles will continue growing during the season until they melt in March. Walls that stand 8 to 20 feet could reach 40 to 60 feet in the next month or so, and icicles placed along the tops of walls will

become ceilings. It takes a lot of work, said Cory Livingood, foreman of the New Hampshire castle's crew.

The process starts in the fall, with the installation of elaborate sprinkler systems. When the weather turns cold, water is sprayed onto metal racks to produce thousands of icicles that are harvested and stuck to the ground around sprinkler heads.

The icicles are then drenched in water and, depending on the temperature and wind, grow in various shapes and formations. Over the course of a few weeks, towers, tunnels, archways and caves emerge.

"We're technically farmers," Livingood said. "We grow icicles, we handpick them, harvest them, take them out and hand place them around sprinklers, and then we turn on those sprinklers and they grow more."

## Dry land musher hitches dogs to his wheelchair

By MARK DAVIS  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

CONYERS, Ga. — Amelie smiled, as dogs tend to do when they sniff something fun in the air. Her human leaned over and checked Amelie's harness. She twitched, yipped once. Her ears stood like furry antennas awaiting a signal.

"Go!" Amelie went. Pete Anziano had no choice; he went, too. She bounded uphill, all legs and grins, a reminder that life's joys can be as simple as taking your dog for a spin with the wheelchair.

Anziano, 42, cannot walk, but he sure can fly. A Decatur, Ga., resident, Anziano recently hitched two dogs to a wheelchair and competed against others in a first for the metro area: dry land mushing, or dog racing without snow.

For more than 2 miles, the dogs pulled Anziano across a course at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. He was one entrant in a field of six and the only guy in a wheelchair.

When the victors came around, it was — well, that doesn't matter; there is some disagreement as to who had the fastest time versus who completed the course first. Let's just say that Anziano proved a point.

"The idea is to remind (disabled) people to go out and do the things they enjoy doing," said Anziano, who lost the use of his legs in a motorcycle accident a decade ago. "Go out there. Have fun."

It's a message Anziano knows well. He's a peer mentor at the Shepherd Center, the Atlanta facility that specializes in spinal cord and brain injuries, and he works with people who have lost the use of their legs. One of the best ways to teach people their lives are not over is to lead by example, he said.

That brings us back to Amelie, a Belgian Malinois. She, Anziano and a second dog, Meisje, are mushing partners. It's a nascent sport, practiced by few.

Some mushers hook their animals to wheeled sleds to keep them in shape during snow-free months. Others rely on dogs to pull small wagons, called sulkies. Occasionally, you'll see that goof-

est of man-mutt contrivances, a dog pulling a skateboarder.

Until recently, no one imagined hooking a dog to a wheelchair. Anziano got into it by accident. Six years ago, he was with his brother, Nick, each with a greater Swiss mountain dog on a leash. Things were going just fine when Nick's son distracted Cashel, the dog whose leash Anziano held.

Cashel began trotting to catch up with the kid. The dog was like a 130-pound tractor. Anziano's wheelchair picked up speed, bumping along. Hey, Anziano thought, this is kind of fun.

Then the dog broke out in a full gallop.

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**Pete Anziano**  
wheelchair-bound  
dry land musher

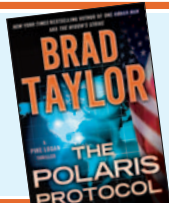
that he hadn't felt since the accident. In that moment, he knew: This was something to share.

Anziano is proof that life does not end when someone loses the use of limbs, said Ginger Martin, a supervisor at the Shepherd Center.

"[Shepherd patients] see people in wheelchairs who can live independently and have fun," she said, "and maybe they can even discover new things."

Anziano just wants people — all people — to know that life has the limits you put on it. The most crippling disability is the one you create.

"The purpose is to inspire people to do something," he said. "There are plenty of people — able-bodied, too — just living their lives. There's more to it than that."



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## NATION

## W.Va. water crisis nears end

By BRENDAN FARRINGTON  
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Officials are promising that a ban on tap water that was tainted by a chemical spill soon will be lifted, as about 300,000 people in West Virginia had to wash, cook and brush their teeth with bottled water for a fifth straight day.

Questions lingered Monday about how and why the leak occurred and whether the company, Freedom Industries, took too long to let officials know about the problem.

Tests over the weekend showed that levels of the licorice-smelling chemical used in coal processing were consistently below a toxic threshold, but tests were expected to continue Monday.

If tests continue to show the water is safe, the ban affecting the rural state's capital region will be lifted in waves for specific

areas, the first being in downtown Charleston, said West Virginia American Water President Jeff McIntyre.

"We see light at the end of the tunnel," Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin told reporters.

The governor urged residents not to use the water for anything but flushing toilets. Some people have left town to take a shower and find an open restaurant. Water distribution centers have handed out bottled water.

So far, 10 people exposed to the contaminated water were admitted to the hospital, and none was in serious condition, Health and Human Resources Secretary Karen Bowling said.

About 7,500 gallons of the chemical is believed to have leaked from a tank and containment area, and some of it got into the Elk River and the water treatment plant downstream.

The chemical quickly dissolves in water, so people have had to wait for it to pass through the water system or be diluted to the point where the water is again safe.

The chemical, even in its most concentrated form, isn't deadly. However, people were told they shouldn't even wash their clothes in affected water because the compound can cause symptoms ranging from skin irritation and rashes to vomiting and diarrhea.

Freedom Industries' tanks don't fall under an inspection program, and the chemicals stored at the facility weren't considered hazardous enough to require environmental permitting.

Essentially, Freedom Industries wasn't under state oversight at all, said Michael Dorsey, chief of the state Department of Environmental Protection's Homeland Security and Emergency Response office.



MICHAEL SWITZER/AP

Bonnie Wireman, of Dry Branch, W.Va., covered her kitchen faucets in a bag because she kept forgetting about the ban on tap water.

"There's no question that they should have called earlier," Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Randy Huffman said.

The coal and chemical industries are major forces in the state's

economy, providing thousands of jobs. West Virginia is the second-largest coal producing state in the U.S. and has about 150 chemical companies.

But the jobs also pose risks of spills and mine disasters.

## Southwest flight lands at wrong airport in Missouri

The Associated Press

BRANSON, Mo. — Federal officials are investigating why a Southwest Airlines flight that was supposed to land at Branson Airport in southwest Missouri instead landed at another airport about 7 miles away that only had about half as much runway.

Southwest Airlines Flight 4013, carrying 124 passengers and five crew members, was scheduled to go from Chicago's Midway International Airport to Branson Airport in Missouri, airline spokesman Brad Hawkins said Sunday in a statement. But the Boeing 737-700 landed at Taney County Airport, which is also known as M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport.

"The landing was uneventful, and all

**'The landing was uneventful, and the customers and crew are safe.'**

Brad Hawkins  
Southwest Airlines  
spokesman

spokesman Tony Molinaro said the agency is investigating the incident.

It's the second time in less than two months that a large jet has landed at the wrong airport.

In November, a Boeing 747 that was supposed to deliver parts to McConnell

customers and crew are safe," Hawkins said.

Hawkins did not have information on why the plane went to the wrong airport. Federal Aviation Administration said the agency

Air Force Base in Wichita, Kan., landed 9 miles north at Col. James Jabara Airport.

That plane was flown by a two-person crew and had no passengers.

The website for M. Graham Clark Airport says its longest runway is 3,738 feet. Branson Airport's website says its runway is 7,140 feet.

"The landing was really abrupt, and the pilot applied the brakes really strongly," Dallas attorney Scott Schieffler, who was on the flight, told WFAA-TV. "You could hear it and you could certainly feel it."

Flight tracking website Flighware.com said the Southwest flight landed at 6:11 p.m. Sunday. It was partly cloudy and in the high 50s in Branson at that time.

"Our ground crew from the Branson airport arrived at the airport to take care

of our customers and their baggage," Hawkins said.

Flight 4013 had been scheduled to go from Branson to Dallas' Love Field. Hawkins said a plane was flown in specifically to Branson Airport at around 10 p.m. to take the passengers and crew to Dallas, which flighware.com showed landed at 11:42 p.m.

Hawkins told The Associated Press the aircraft at M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport will be able to take off on the smaller runway, and Southwest expects to fly it out "as early as (Monday) morning."

The Taney County Sheriff's Office referred all calls to M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport. Messages left for comment at the airport were not immediately returned.

## NJ's Atlantic Club falls victim to casino glut

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — New Jersey's Atlantic Club Casino Hotel shut down early Monday morning, the victim of a glut of casinos in the northeastern U.S.

Once Atlantic City's top-earning casino, where then-owner Steve Wynn clowned with Frank Sinatra in commercials, bringing the legendary singer an armful of fresh towels, the Atlantic Club was out with a whimper. In the hours before the 12:01 a.m. closing, its restaurants and bars had all shut down, and many gamblers and employees had already left.

The few die-hard who stayed on the casino floor until the end counted down its final five seconds as dealers who were suddenly unemployed burst into tears and hugged each other. Within moments, casino staff began stacking and counting chips and preparing to remove cash boxes from the casino floor.

"It's a sad day," said David Rebusk, director of the state Division of Gaming Enforcement, who watched the shutdown process begin right after midnight, as dealers and security personnel set to work counting the take from the casino's final day.

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## WORLD

# Israel says its final farewell to Sharon

By JOSEF FEDERMAN  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel said its last farewell to the late Ariel Sharon on Monday with a state ceremony outside the parliament building before his flag-draped coffin was taken on a cross-country procession to its final resting place at his family home in the country's south.

With a high-powered crowd of VIPs and international dignitaries on hand, Sharon was eulogized as a fearless warrior and bold leader who devoted his life to protecting Israel's security. U.S. Vice President Joe Biden and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair headed the long list of visitors.

In a heartfelt address, Biden talked about a decades-long friendship with Sharon, saying the death felt "like a death in the family."

When the two discussed Israel's security, Biden said he understood how Sharon earned the nickname "the Bulldozer," explaining how Sharon would pull out maps and repeatedly make the same points to drive them home.

"He was indomitable," Biden said. "But like all historic leaders, all real leaders, he had a north star that guided him. A north star from which he never, in my observation, never deviated."

"His north star was the survival of the

state of Israel and the Jewish people wherever they resided," Biden said.

Sharon died Saturday, eight years after a devastating stroke left him in a coma from which he never recovered. He was 85.

One of Israel's greatest and most divisive figures, Sharon rose through the ranks of the military, moving into politics and overcoming scandal and controversy to become prime minister at the time of his stroke.

He spent most of his life battling Arab enemies and promoting Jewish settlement on war-won lands. But in a surprising about-face, he led a historic withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005, uprooting all soldiers and settlers from the territory after a 38-year presence in a move he said was necessary to ensure Israel's security.

His backers called him a war hero. His detractors, first and foremost the Palestinians, considered him a war criminal and held him responsible for years of bloodshed.

The speakers at Monday's ceremony outside parliament largely glossed over the controversy, and instead focused on his leadership and personality.

"Arik was a man of the land," President Shimon Peres, a longtime friend and sometimes rival, said in his eulogy. "He defended this land like a lion and he taught its children to swing a scythe. He was a military legend in his lifetime and then turned



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The coffin of the late Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is carried Monday after a memorial ceremony outside the Knesset in Jerusalem.

his gaze to the day Israel would dwell in safety, when our children would return to our borders and peace would grace the Promised Land."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who resigned from Sharon's Cabinet to protest the Gaza withdrawal, said that he and Sharon didn't always agree with each other. Nonetheless, he called Sharon "one of the big warriors" for the nation of Israel.

"Arik was a man of actions, pragmatic, and his pragmatism was rooted in deep emotion, deep emotion for the country and deep emotion for the Jewish people," Netanyahu said.

Nearly 10 years on, the withdrawal from

Gaza remains hotly debated in Israeli society. Supporters say Israel is better off not being bogged down in the crowded territory, which is now home to 1.7 million Palestinians.

Critics say the pullout has only brought more violence. Two years after the withdrawal, Hamas militants seized control of Gaza and stepped up rocket fire on Israel.

In a reminder of the precarious security situation, Palestinian militants on Monday fired two rockets from the Gaza Strip. Sharon's ranch in southern Israel, where his body was being laid to rest, is within range of such projectiles, though Monday's missiles did not hit Israel. No injuries or damage were reported.

## Officials: To end Syrian war, rebels must help form government

By KAREN DEYOUNG  
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The Washington Post

PARIS — International backers of Syria's fractious opposition warned rebel political leaders Sunday that upcoming negotiations for a transition government to replace President Bashar Assad may be their last, best hope to bring their country's civil war to an end.

With less than two weeks to go before a negotiating conference in Geneva sponsored by the United Nations, the U.S.-backed Syrian Opposition Coalition has yet to say that it will attend. Amid rising frustration among its supporters, the group's attempt to come to agreement and to appoint a delegation have broken down repeatedly.

Coalition President Ahmad al-Jarba recently was re-elected in a race that further split the political opposition. In meetings here with delegates, including Secretary of State John Kerry and foreign ministers from 10 European and Arab countries, Jarba said some opposition leaders remain suspicious that the United States and others can be depended upon to force Assad from power through a political agreement.

Speaking after the meeting, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius emphasized that the donors' group was committed to "putting an end to the present

### Russia: Assad mulling humanitarian access

PARIS — Syria's government and the opposition have agreed to consider opening humanitarian access in the run-up to a peace conference that would bring the sides together for the first time, the top diplomats for Russia and the U.S. said Monday.

Speaking in the midst of a two-day series of meetings in Paris, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry also said they were pressing for a cease-fire and a prisoner exchange between the warring sides.

Syria's government derided

the meetings in Paris, saying in a statement they were "closer to illusions than reality and taken by people who are detached from reality and extremely far from any acceptable political logic."

Russia has been one of Syria's closest allies.

Lavrov questioned whether the Western-backed opposition — which has not yet agreed to attend peace talks and has limited influence inside Syria — was willing or able to carry out agreements in the face of intense infighting that has pitted al-Qaida-linked militants against more moderate factions.

Nearly 700 rebel fighters have died in recent days.

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the warring parties.

Conference delegations are to be chosen by "mutual consent," which the opposition and its backers have said means Assad can neither attend nor remain in office. Assad, Russia and Iran, the Syrian president's other principal supporter, have said that barring him from future power is an unacceptable "precondition" to the talks, although the government has agreed to attend.

The diplomacy came as fighting continued to rage between rebels and fighters with the al-Qaida-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq and Syria across most opposition-held areas of northern Syria.

At least 697 people have been killed in the 10 days since the clashes erupted between the two factions, according to figures published Sunday by the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Most of the dead were said to be combatants, but at least 100 were civilians, including 21 activists who had been imprisoned by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria and were executed in Aleppo before the group lost control of its headquarters there.

The bodies of 11 people who had been handcuffed and shot in the head were uncovered Sunday at another Islamic State of Iraq and Syria base captured by rebels in Aleppo. The Islamist Ahrar al-Sham, which has played a prominent role in the revolt against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, said on Twitter that as many as

100 of its fighters were killed Sunday in the capital of north-central Raqqah province.

Dozens of people were reported killed in attacks by government forces on rebel-held areas across the country, including 21 who died when airplanes dropped barrels packed with explosives onto the town of al-Bab in Aleppo province.

Kerry said the United States was moving toward a resumption of nonlethal military assistance to moderate opposition forces in northern Syria. The aid was suspended late last year after Islamic State of Iraq and Syria fighters took over a warehouse on the Turkish border where aid to U.S.-backed rebel groups was stored.

On Wednesday, Kerry will attend a conference of humanitarian donors to Syria. He said the war has displaced 8 million people and has forced more than 2 million people to flee the country.

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**Canine distemper has killed at least four tigers and several other animals across northern and eastern India in the past year, according to a government conservation official.**

## India tries to protect tigers from deadly virus

By KATY DAIGLE  
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — India is scrambling to protect its beleaguered tiger population after several big cats tested positive for a virus common among dogs but deadly to other carnivores, experts said.

In the last year, canine distemper has killed at least four tigers and several other animals across northern and eastern India, according to Rajesh Gopal, of the government's National Tiger Conservation Authority.

The revelation is bad news for wild tigers — already endangered by rampant poaching and shrinking habitat as India undergoes economic development to accommodate the staggering growth of its 1.2 billion people. That same economic development and population growth means more people — and more dogs — are coming even closer to wildlife.

India will now test every tiger carcass it finds for the virus, Gopal said, while authorities also consider a massive campaign to vaccinate dogs against canine distemper.

"We cannot vaccinate every dog, of course. But even 50 percent of dogs in the zones around sanctuaries would help," Gopal said. He did not give details of the plans being considered. There is no vaccine for big cats.

The cases being found across such a huge swath of India suggests the disease could already be running in the wild, experts said, though they agree much more research is needed.

# Survivors recall Concordia tragedy

## 32 killed in ship's grounding off Tuscany remembered on 2nd anniversary

By TRICIA THOMAS  
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The Associated Press

GIGLIO ISLAND, Italy — Survivors of the Costa Concordia shipwreck are commemorating the second anniversary of the grounding off Tuscany that killed 32 people with a candlelight march on Giglio island and a moment of silence in the courtroom where the captain is on trial.

Relatives of the dead also threw a wreath into the sea Monday and attended a Mass in the island's church that had welcomed in hundreds of passengers on the cold night of Jan. 13, 2012 when the Concordia slammed into a reef and was partially submerged.

"I am here for my sister," said Madeleine Soria Molina, of Peru, whose sister, Erika Fani Soria Molina, was among the crewmembers killed. "It is a way to be with her again, because the death of a member of your family — of a brother or sister — it is hard to get over it."

On the mainland, judges and survivors alike stood in silence beside the theater-turned-courtroom in Grosseto where Capt. Francesco Schettino stands accused of manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning the Concordia before all passengers had been evacuated.

Passengers came from as far away as Russia and Britain to attend the hearing, but it was adjourned almost immediately after the commemoration because of a lawyers' strike. Schettino, who didn't attend the session, has said he's innocent and saved lives.

Residents of Giglio, meanwhile, are finally seeing the end of their ordeal, with June set as the date to remove the hobbled wreck from the island's port. They received



GREGGIO BORIO/AP

**An unidentified relative of one of the 32 victims lowers flowers near the shipwrecked Costa Concordia off the coast of the Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy, on Monday. Survivors are commemorating the second anniversary of the wreck that killed 32 people.**

a boost in spirits in September when salvage crews pulled off an unprecedented engineering feat to right the 115-ton, 1,000-foot-long liner in preparation for it to be towed away.

"Definitely (this anniversary) is something that takes us back to that terrible night, even if today we are looking at this anniversary ... with a light that is a little bit different," Giglio Mayor Sergio Ortelli told The Associated Press. "Today we are looking forward optimistically to what will be the final operation."

Giglio's commemorations were to culminate Monday with an

evening candlelight procession to mark the exact time — 9:45 p.m. — that the Concordia ran into the reef off Giglio and pierced a 230-foot gash in its hull.

Schettino is accused of having taken the ship off course in a stunt to bring it closer to Giglio, and then delaying the evacuation order until it was too late to lower many of the lifeboats from the listing liner.

His lawyers have blamed other crewmembers for not following orders and said the ship itself malfunctioned.

In a statement Monday to the ANSA news agency, Schettino

expressed his "profound condolences" to the relatives of the victims and said he would have liked to attend the Grosseto moment of silence but couldn't because of the lawyers' strike. He said the anniversary "renews an indelible wound for all of us."

In the coming months, 30 giant tanks will be affixed to both sides of the Concordia to float it off the false seabed where it is resting so it can be towed to a port to be dismantled for scrap. Five Italian ports are vying for the contract, but ports in Turkey, France and even China have also submitted bids.

## French 'first lady' hospitalized after report

PARIS — The woman considered France's first lady was hospitalized after a magazine reported that President François Hollande is having an affair with Julie Gayet, a moderately known French actress who appeared in a clip for his 2012 presidential campaign.

Valerie Trierweiler was hospitalized Friday — the day the magazine report and photo spread came out — for "rest and a few tests," her chief of staff, Patrice Biancone, said on Sunday.

Hollande has never married



Hollande and Trierweiler

but has had longtime relationships with Trierweiler and before her with French Socialist presidential candidate Segolene Royal, with whom he has four children.

From The Associated Press

## Swedish doctors transplant wombs

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Nine women in Sweden have successfully received transplanted wombs donated from relatives and will soon try to become pregnant, the doctor in charge of the pioneering project has revealed.

The women were born without a uterus or had it removed because of cervical cancer. Most are in their 30s and are part of the first major experiment to test whether it's possible to transplant wombs into women so they can give birth to their own children.

Life-saving transplants of organs such as hearts, livers and kidneys have been done for decades and doctors are increasingly transplanting hands, faces and other body parts to improve patients' quality of life. Womb transplants — the first ones intended to be temporary, just to allow childbearing — push that frontier even farther and raise some new concerns.

There have been two previous attempts to transplant a womb — in Turkey and Saudi Arabia — but both failed to produce babies.

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## OPINION

## Iraq needs US air support, planners

By JAMES M. DUBIK

**I**raq is once again at a crisis point. Given the sacrifices the United States, coalition partners and so many Iraqis made to bring the country back from the precipice of 2006, it is more than unsettling to see a third battle of Fallujah unfolding. But rather than point fingers and assign fault for this foreseeable threat, the focus needs to be on how to best move forward.

Al-Qaida is taking a coordinated approach to establishing what it calls the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. That organization and another al-Qaida franchise, Jabhat al-Nusra, are recognized by the al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri. The al-Qaida offensive operations in Syria and Iraq are related — and they're winning. Their success in Iraq or Syria — even if success is "merely" seizing control of Anbar province in western Iraq, parts of central and northern Iraq and parts of Syria — is not in U.S. national security interests.

If the United States does not get involved, al-Qaida is likely to win. None of our options is good. Each has risks, but doing too little also has risks.

The good news is that, militarily speaking, there is quite a range between doing too little to have any real effect and repeating the "surge." The United States needs a nuanced, realistic approach.

Air power could help turn the tide against al-Qaida, but giving F-16s, Apache helicopters and surveillance drones to Iraq isn't "air power." Having equipment is not the same as being able to use it. The United States has accelerated the deployment of military equipment that the Iraqis had on order, but spring delivery is still likely to be too late. In the short term, U.S. officials should consider providing capability that can be employed now and in ways that would make a difference in the outcome with al-Qaida. This means a temporary and limited use of U.S. air power — fixed and rotary-wing as well as unmanned. Such air power could be based outside of Iraq to further reduce risk.

But air power alone will not be decisive. It must be employed in conjunction with a ground offensive that includes conventional and special operations forces. This ground operation should be of Iraqi troops — but the United States would have to provide the tactical air control capability because Iraqi Security Forces do not have that ability. The air-to-ground controllers would incur the most risk. Some would have to be on the



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**A convoy of vehicles carrying fighters from the al-Qaida-linked Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant rolls through Anbar province in Iraq on Jan. 6.**

ground near the action; proximity is necessary to ensure our aircraft attack legitimate targets and limit potential collateral damage and the situation on the ground is fluid and armed tribesmen are in urban areas among the civilian population and al-Qaida fighters. Depending on where U.S. air power is used, other controllers could be in the air to mitigate risk.

Iraq also lacks the ability to plan a large, complex air-ground campaign. The planning assistance the Iraqis need would not require a large troop presence, but the planning cell would have to be in Iraq. It could be in Baghdad, where the planners would be relatively secure, though not risk-free.

This kind of air power and planning assistance — temporary and limited — would require Iraq to concede former legal and other objections. But given the security situation in Anbar and beyond, such obstacles seem surmountable.

There are also diplomatic efforts that military options should complement. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki came to Washington in November asking for help, yet he got more lectures than assistance. Some of the lecturing was on-point: al-Maliki, a Shiite, bears some responsibility for the unrest and violence in his country. He has refused, for example, to compromise with the Sunni leaders who had been in a peacekeeping "rest" movement for a year. Additionally, by supporting the Assad regime in Syria, the Iraqi government has acted in ways that are counter to U.S. policy. While the United States should hold al-Maliki accountable for his domestic and foreign

policies, it would not be in U.S. interests to stand by while Iraq goes down in flames, nor to see Iraq turn to Russia and Iran for help.

Washington could offer to act as broker between the al-Maliki government and the Sunni tribes and use the influence created by offers of tangible military assistance to help the prime minister make the compromises needed to ensure Sunni political and tribal leaders' participation in government and society. We could also engage selected Shiite and Kurd leaders and help to moderate the Iraqi government's response. The United States should help al-Maliki through the turbulent and complex political dimensions of this crisis and promote the kind of governance in Iraq that won't incite similar crises in the future.

Certainly the violence in Iraq is an Iraqi problem. But it is a problem in which the United States has a stake. Years ago, our country sought to have Iraq as an ally in the war against al-Qaida and to prevent al-Qaida from establishing a sanctuary in Iraq. Those aims remain legitimate.

No one wants another surge of U.S. troops to Iraq. But for not too great an investment of troops and diplomatic attention, and within reasonable risk, the United States can help itself and Iraq. Wishing Iraq were in a better position merely wastes time. We are at a point where we can only choose the best of bad options.

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## Shine light on 'dark side' of terrorism fight

Los Angeles Times editorial

**I**t has been more than a year since the Senate Intelligence Committee approved a voluminous report on the detention and interrogation practices of the George W. Bush administration. But the 6,000-page document remains under wraps, even as defenders of "enhanced interrogation" techniques such as waterboarding continue to contend that they produced valuable intelligence, an assertion the study reportedly rejects. President Barack Obama has repeatedly promised to ensure that the public can scrutinize both the report and the CIA's response to it.

Thanks to disclosures in the news media, congressional investigations and a report by the CIA's inspector general, many disgusting details of the Bush administration's treatment of suspected terrorists are already known, from the imprisonment of suspects at "black sites" abroad to the repeated waterboarding of suspected al-

Qaida operatives Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and Abu Zubaydah. The public also has seen the memos by Bush administration lawyers that used contorted reasoning to rationalize torture.

The Intelligence Committee report would offer a comprehensive overview of what happened when, in the words of former Vice President Dick Cheney, the U.S. traveled to "the dark side" in an attempt to prevent another 9/11. The report also would shed light on whether waterboarding and other inhumane tactics were effective in preventing future plots or locating the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden, a debate that continues to this day (not that torture would be justified even if it were effective).

The Intelligence Committee report was approved on a mostly party-line vote, and the committee's ranking Republican, Sen. Saxby Chambliss, of Georgia, said it contains "significant errors, omissions, as-

sumptions and ambiguities — as well as a lot of cherry-picking." The CIA has submitted a response to the report that, according to the agency, "detailed significant errors in the study." But it's impossible for the public to evaluate the report (or the attempts to refute it) if it is not released.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the chairwoman of the Intelligence Committee, says the administration is willing to have a part of the report made public and that the panel will vote soon on releasing an executive summary along with findings, conclusions and the CIA's comments. We believe the committee should release the whole report, omitting only details that threaten the exposure of sources and methods, not information that would simply be embarrassing. Obama, who prides himself on prohibiting waterboarding and other forms of torture, should make it clear that this is his preference as well, whatever the CIA says.

## OPINION

## A steadfast Sharon was flexible in face of reality

By JEFFREY GOLDBERG  
Bloomberg News

Shortly after the eruption of the second Palestinian intifada in 2000 — an uprising allegedly, though not actually, triggered by a famous Ariel Sharon walkabout atop the Temple Mount in Jerusalem — I was visiting Sharon's ranch in southern Israel for the harvest holiday of Sukkot. Sharon, who died Saturday at 85 after eight years in a stroke-induced coma, had erected a sukkah — a temporary open-air hut meant to serve as a symbolic shelter — that could seat 200 people. He was the leader of the Likud Party then, contemplating a run for prime minister, and the sukkah was overflowing with party activists. The mood was celebratory.

At one point, a small group of young activists took up a chant: "Arik, King of Israel," using Sharon's nickname. Many members of the Likud Knesset faction were present. I sat for a while with one of the toughest Likud hardliners, Uzi Landau, who was in a gloating mood.

The Oslo peace process had more or less collapsed by Sukkot of 2000. Ehud Barak, who was then prime minister, had returned to Israel empty-handed from the Camp David peace talks a couple of months earlier. He had offered Palestinian negotiators most of what they had asked for, but Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader, left Camp David without even making a counter-offer. Barak was suffering in the polls, and Sharon saw a chance to strike. I asked Landau, who was one of Sharon's key supporters, what he thought about the demise of the peace process. "Oslo is Munich, and Arik is Churchill," he said.

Later, I would ask Sharon if he agreed with Landau — not about the Churchill comparison, but about the notion that Bill Clinton, who convened the Camp David talks, and Ehud Barak, were trying to do to Sharon what the Czechs did to Czechoslovakia. "There are people out there who don't understand the true intentions of the Palestinians," Sharon said. "I am not one of them. They want to destroy Israel. They want our country."

### Evacuating Gaza Strip

Flash forward five years. Sharon, now prime minister, was about to do something few people could ever have imagined him doing: He was preparing to unilaterally evacuate the Gaza Strip of all Israeli settlers and soldiers. This was shocking because it was Sharon, as a Cabinet minister a quarter-century earlier, who had first planted Jewish settlers in Gaza. He believed, as he had written in his autobiography, that Gaza, which was captured by Israel from Egypt in the 1967 Six Day War, was an indispensable part of Israel's security.

"What will we do once we withdraw from Gaza and find, as we inevitably will, that Arafat or his successors have stepped in and that squads of terrorists are again operating from their hideouts in Israel, murdering and destroying?" he wrote. "What will we do when the Katynusha fire starts hitting



Ariel Sharon

Sderot, four miles from the Gaza district, and Ashkelon, nine miles from Gaza, and Kiryat Gat, fourteen miles from Gaza."

Sharon felt a special affection for the Gaza settlers, who in his mind were rough and resilient pioneers serving as a picket line along Israel's southern flank. And he had fond memories of fighting terrorism in Gaza, where he was, for a while, inordinately successful.

"Once, we captured a Lebanese fishing boat," he in the course of a long and nostalgic-filled conversation with me about his fighting days. "We filled it with Lebanese food and newspapers and we put our soldiers in it, dressed as Arabs, who spoke Arabic. And they landed on the beach in Gaza, and the Palestinians hid them. They thought they were their people, fugitives. And we were pursuing them ourselves, making believe they were hunted terrorists. The Palestinians took them to meet an important group of terrorists in the northern part of the Gaza district. And when they met them our soldiers killed them. Then they were evacuated out of Gaza. You have to be creative."

### Perception of change

Sharon's decision to evacuate the settlers of Gaza, and remove the army, was seen by his critics in the Likud, and in the parties to the right of the Likud as proof that he had gone mad. One of his most caustic critics was Landau, the man who five years earlier described Sharon to me as a latter-day incarnation of Churchill. "Arik is making a joke of his party and a joke of his beliefs," Landau told me when I interviewed him shortly before the evacuation. "He is destroying himself, destroying his party and destroying Israel's security, and for what? So that he will be popular in Europe?"

This idea that Sharon had changed in some profound and mystifying way was popular not only with his critics on the right, but even among some of those in the Israeli center, and on the left.

between Jews and Palestinians. It's a vivid reminder that generals and then hard-headed politicians make peace possible.

Sharon's career nearly ended when he was forced to resign as defense minister after Christian militiamen killed innocents in an area of his responsibility during the Lebanon war in 1982. But his career was hardly finished. His highest political ambitions were realized nearly 20 years later when he became prime minister.

Like Harry Truman (whose world was rocked when Franklin D. Roosevelt died)

The conventional wisdom about the Gaza withdrawal, and the cleaving of the Israeli right that it triggered — Sharon and his allies would leave the Likud party, and form their own, Kadima — is that it represented a reversal of everything Sharon had once stood for. That is wrong. The unilateral evacuation was of a piece with everything he had previously done.

### Relentless expansion

The evidence to support the notion that he had suddenly become a peacenik was superficially compelling. If there has been one theme to Sharon's life, it was relentless, aggressive expansion: forward, always forward. I spent enough time with him to know that the manner in which he ate — he could vacuum up vast quantities of food — corresponded to the way he conquered territory.

In 1967, as a daring tank commander, he helped secure the Sinai Peninsula for Israel. In the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he led a tank force across the Suez Canal to within striking distance of Cairo. As Israel's agricultural minister, and later its defense minister, Sharon oversaw the planting of Israeli settlements not only in Gaza, but also in the far-flung reaches of the West Bank. In 1982, as Menachem Begin's defense minister, Sharon focused his attention north, on Lebanon, which had become a base for PLO attacks against Israel. Not content merely to kill terrorists in Lebanon's south and go home, Sharon decided he would deal the PLO a fatal blow — and remake Lebanese politics in the process, by installing a friendly Christian government in Beirut. Israel's invasion ended, instead, with the massacre of hundreds of Palestinians by Christian militiamen, under the noses of the Israeli army.

What changed? What caused a man who moved so relentlessly forward to suddenly reverse course? His view of the Palestinians, and their desires, had not changed at all. In 2000, he told me that, "The Arabs don't want the Jews to be here. That is the secret of this whole story. This land we are on is considered by the Muslims to be holy land. They will never let anyone possess it. You should read the Koran. You'll see what they think about the Jews. They want to take this land by violence."

Four years later, he told me more or less the same thing, though in language softened somewhat by knowledge that he was speaking as prime minister, not as the leader of the right-wing opposition. "We have a problem with the Palestinians. I don't think that the Palestinians would agree to stop their war on us if they receive some pieces of territory."

Nevertheless, Sharon by 2005 reached the conclusion that a piece of territory is what the Palestinians would get, without even the hassle of negotiation. "I've decided that it is impossible to keep holding three and half million Palestinians in a situation of occupation," he told me. His use of the word "occupation" in and of itself was revo-

lutionary — in the 1990s, he would describe the West Bank and Gaza as liberated territory, not occupied.

### Understanding of reality

What changed was not his heart, not his life's aim, but his understanding of reality. In his heart, he understood Israel's enemies to be implacable. His objective was unaltered: To defend the existence of the Jewish state by any means necessary. For many years, he believed that the existence of the Jewish state was dependent on the occupation of Gaza. But he then came to realize that the "occupation" of Gaza was undermining Israel's democracy, international standing and security. And so he left. He left Gaza for the same reason he invaded Lebanon: He thought it would make Israel safer.

Sharon made one terrible mistake in Gaza. His mistake was not leaving. He grasped, correctly, that over time staying would have been fatal for Israel. His mistake was not leaving.

A negotiated withdrawal — and there were Palestinians with whom he could have extracted such a withdrawal — could have negotiated important concessions from Palestinians. Instead, radicals in Gaza were empowered by Sharon's unilateralism. They believed, not entirely incorrectly, that their terrorism had paid off, forcing even a legendary warrior like Ariel Sharon to turn tail.

The fallout from the withdrawal is well known. Hamas soon came to power and turned Gaza into a launching pad for missile attacks against the towns Sharon long before predicted would be attacked.

And yet, Sharon, through the same force of will that propelled him heroically across the Suez Canal, and sent him deeply and disastrously into Lebanon, did something he never did before: He was able to disentangle Israel from the lives of the Palestinians. Settlers will never return to Gaza. That is an achievement.

And it is a lesson for Benjamin Netanyahu, who will shortly surpass David Ben-Gurion as Israel's longest serving prime minister. Netanyahu lacks some of Sharon's defects, but he also lacks some of Sharon's most important positive qualities. He is not a man of action, and that has kept him from launching unnecessary wars.

It has also kept him from acting on what he knows. Netanyahu grasps the same reality Sharon grasped 10 years ago: Continued settlement of the West Bank, and continued entanglement of Israel in the lives of millions of Palestinians, will eventually be found to be Israel's undoing. A war you must be found.

It is a good thing that Netanyahu isn't a bulldozer, he would never execute a withdrawal from the West Bank in the sort of precipitous, blundering Sharon-like way that would increase the danger for Israel. But he might never do it at all.

If Sharon had not been stricken eight years ago, Israel might today already be out of the West Bank. It is up to Netanyahu now to save the Jewish state.

strated Israel's willingness to trade land for peace and to separate Israelis from Palestinians, allocating a state to each people all guaranteed by Israeli military might.

Many U.S. politicians issued statements upon hearing of Sharon's death. In those statements, the depth of admiration for Sharon and affection for the Jewish state was evident.

For Israelis and non-Israelis, he was a model of tenacity, bravery and shrewd leadership. The United States and the West could use more of his kind.

## Israeli leader showed courage in service to greater good

By JENNIFER RUBIN  
The Washington Post

Ariel Sharon, who passed away Saturday at the age of 85, defined political courage — the willingness to sacrifice popularity and the office one holds for the greater good of the country. Sharon was also physically courageous. He repeatedly risked his life in battle, achieving victories in 1967 and 1973. If he and the Israeli army not won, there would be no Israel and no opportunity (however slim) for peace

and George W. Bush (whose world was rocked when 3,000 Americans died on Sept. 11). Sharon underwent a transformation when he reached his country's highest office. From heroic service as a general and champion of the settler movement to statesman, his legacy as a great prime minister and peacemaker came in his final years in government.

No one took more "risks for peace" than Sharon, though his withdrawal from Gaza and from four West Bank settlements did not bear fruit. He nevertheless demon-



## SHIFTING GEARS

## Q&amp;A: Bob Lutz keeps plugging away

## Electric convert launching range of trucks, vans

By SUSAN CARPENTER

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

Bob Lutz has worked for BMW, Ford, Chrysler and, most famously, General Motors, where he served as vice chairman until 2009 before retiring from GM altogether in 2010.

He now serves on the board of Utah-based VIA Motors, which will soon start production on an extended-range electric truck, cargo van and passenger van using a powertrain similar to the Chevrolet Volt's. The VIA Motors VTRUX can travel 40 miles as a pure electric vehicle and up to 400 miles using a gas generator.

Lutz, 81, talked about his legacy and his latest business venture in a recent interview.

**Do you think the Volt should have been a truck, not a sedan?**

We started at the wrong end. The whole automotive industry made the intellectual mistake of thinking EVs were all about maximum range, so we all started with small vehicles that are basically very economical anyway. Yes, you do save fuel.

You can use a smaller battery, but it makes less sense to take a 40-mpg vehicle and make it electric than it does to take a full-size pickup or SUV, which in town realistically gets 11 to 12 mpg. If you take that to 100 mpg, now you're really saving money and saving a scarce natural resource and reducing CO2 emissions drastically.

The realization came to me suddenly late that the right place to electrify is at the heavy end, with full-size pickups and SUVs, which America loves but which are a somewhat endangered species with fuel-economy regulations.

**Do you think electric vehicles would have the same marginal-impact, tree-hugging reputation if they had started with pickups instead of small passenger vehicles?**

It would have changed it. Bigger trucks are the only electrified vehicles that I know of that make instant economic sense because the fuel saving is so large that you will more than get back your monthly lease price.

The other feature is exportable power. Every one of these trucks has power outlets. Imagine a suburban homeowner owning a Chevrolet Silverado with VIA technology. If you have a power outlet, you go out and start your truck and plug in. You don't have to buy an emergency generator. You've got a week's worth of power.

**You've said some critical things about hybrid vehicles in the past. Is your embrace of EVs now a reflection of your concern about the legacy?**



BENSON TRENT/VIA Motors

**Bob Lutz sits in VIA Motors' VTRUX pickup. The company plans to offer electric-powered trucks, SUVs and Vans.**

I am what I am. To some people, I am the environmental anti-Christ because I own and fly a former military jet fighter. I have what is known as a very large carbon footprint. I like high-powered cars like Corvette ZR1s, but on the other hand, people have trouble figuring me out because

I'm also deeply involved and a believer in vehicle electrification. Unlike previous hybrids with little economic return, extended-range EVs make economic sense for both the automaker and the consumer.

**How do you reconcile that?**

They're all interesting technologies. I like vehicle electrification because it will be in the future because, by far, the most efficient propulsion form, and electric vehicles are great to drive. They're quiet. They have enormous power. The only problem today is they don't have enough range.

**When did you decide that electrification is the end game, rather than hydrogen or some other alternative fuel, in terms of fuel-efficient vehicles?**

It was a gradual turning point. I've always been receptive to new technology, but what annoyed me in 2005, 2006 was all of this credit that Toyota was getting for the Prius. Only the Japanese, only Toyota could do this.

General Motors had hybrids like that running in 1968. We just never elected to produce them because it was a bad business proposition. That was a mistake. But I

continually said, "We need to do something to get GM's reputation for advanced technology back." In the old days, advanced technology meant more and more horsepower. Lately, advanced technology means producing an effective hybrid or electrified vehicle. That's now the cutting edge of technology.

Piston engines are great. They're fun. They'll continue to evolve, but they're kind of old hat. It's sort of like living through aviation when aviation went from the propeller age to the jet age.

I was trained in propeller airplanes, and a lot of the old-time, propeller-driven fighter pilots who flew Corsairs in WWII said those jets are effeminate. There's no big engine out there and no noise and no oil smoke, but I found that once I got in a jet, they were vastly superior.

Early jets were the same as today's early electric vehicles. The range wasn't there. The fuel consumption was way up. The reliability was poor, etc., and now for long-range transportation we wouldn't think of anything but a jet aircraft.

**What's the relationship between General Motors and VIA Motors, which is converting not only the Chevrolet Silverado pickup, but also a luxury SUV and full-size van to electric range-extended vehicles?**

It's a positive, mutually supportive working relationship. VIA has the support of GM. Some aspects of the future working relationship still have to be worked out, but by and large, GM is happy to have us using their trucks for the conver-

sions, so it's a good relationship.

**What's the rollout plan for the three VIA models announced so far?**

The Chevy van, the Express, will be the first VIA production model because it's what many fleets are most interested in, and then the pickup will be out the middle of next year. The SUV will be next, first to fleets and the limo market, then to retail.

**So you're starting with fleet sales and will then expand to retail?**

Fleets are our primary customers now. Retail will come soon after, but the total market in the U.S. between pickups, SUVs and vans is over 3 million units. Almost a quarter of the market is full-size trucks. It is the single-most-popular category of vehicle in the U.S.

Most of those 3.7 million people will stay with the gas-powered version, but if 10 percent would go VIA, that would be 300,000 units.

## Career highlights

- Marine aviator from 1954 to 1965.
- Began his automotive career in 1963 at GM in sales and marketing.
- From 1971 to 1974, executive vice president of global sales and marketing at BMW.
- Held a variety of senior executive positions and served on the board of directors at Ford from 1974 to 1986.
- Joined Chrysler in 1986 with responsibility for car and truck operations worldwide, and served as a member of the board of directors.
- Rejoined GM in 2001, serving in a variety of executive roles before retiring in 2010. Championed the Chevrolet Volt electric vehicle.
- Joined VIA Motors in 2011.
- Vice chairman of the board of trustees for the Marine Military Academy and a member of the board of trustees for the United States Marine Corps University Foundation.

SOURCES: VIA Motors; The Marine Corps University Foundation; Businessweek



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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Teacher believed to be oldest in US turns 100

**NJ** NORTH PLAINFIELD — A woman believed to be America's oldest working teacher has marked her 100th birthday.

Students, teachers and family members of Agnes Zhelesnik gave her a birthday celebration Friday at The Sundance School in North Plainfield.

Zhelesnik, who is known to her students as "Granny," works 35 hours per week teaching Home Economics, conducting after-school cooking and sewing lessons, and making costumes for school plays. She started working at the school at age 81.

Born Jan. 12, 1914, in Thomas, W.Va., Zhelesnik was one of five children. She had to drop out of school during the Depression to work in a can factory.

She was married for 61 years before her husband died in 1999.

## Police: Man stabbed woman over wrong food

**TX** WACO — A Central Texas man has been accused of stabbing his girlfriend after she brought home pizza instead of a chicken sandwich he wanted for lunch.

McLennan County jail records show Michael Corsey, of Waco, was being held Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Corsey was arrested Friday.

Waco police allege Corsey grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed the woman because he had asked for a chicken sandwich, but she brought home pizza. Police said the victim also was choked and truck in the face, and was treated for minor injuries.

## Fast-food bandit gets long prison term

**AZ** PHOENIX — A Phoenix man accused in a string of violent robberies of fast-food restaurants in 2011 has been sentenced to 81 years in prison.

Maricopa County prosecutors said Tony Tucker, 41, was sentenced Friday.

Tucker was one of three men police dubbed the "Fast Food Bandits" who robbed seven Subway and McDonald's restaurants in Phoenix and Tempe from September to November in 2011.

Police said Tucker was involved in all seven robberies and forced one restaurant employee to disrobe and fired a gun twice in the December 2011 shooting.

Tucker was arrested in January 2012. He was charged with six counts of armed robbery, 11 counts of kidnapping, 12 counts of aggravated assault, one count of attempted sexual assault, three counts of unlawful discharge and one of attempted armed robbery.

## Twins arrested, charged with bribing police

**NY** NEW YORK — Police say two brothers from Brooklyn tried to bribe their way out of a traffic infraction using

## THE CENSUS

**4** The age of a Maine girl who unknowingly took marijuana to school in her backpack. Waterville Deputy Police Chief Charles Rumsey said a teacher at Educare Central Maine smelled marijuana on the child's backpack Thursday. Another teacher found a small amount of marijuana stems. The girl's mother, who was not identified, was vague about how the marijuana ended up in the backpack. Police said they were not going to file criminal charges, but they did report the incident to child protective services.



JACK HANNAHAN, ERIE (Pa.) TIMES-NEWS/PA

## Flipping out

Sophia Mazza, of Team Lightning, competes in the vault event Saturday in the Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Invitational at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, Pa.

gift cards and cash.

Authorities said one brother was a passenger in a car police stopped just after midnight Sunday for not signaling a turn in the East Flatbush neighborhood.

Officers said they caught him trying to hide some marijuana. Police also found 20 gift cards from Target and a Visa gift card with a value of \$24,000, plus about a dozen forged credit cards.

Police said the man offered them \$10,000 in gift cards for his release. He called his twin brother, who showed up with an additional \$4,000 in cash.

The 20-year-old brothers both have been charged with bribery. The man in the car faces additional charges.

## Owner: Dead chickens being left at cemetery

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — A small Albuquerque cemetery appears to be the victim of some fowl activity: Someone is leaving dead chickens and bird parts near its headstones.

Michael Gabaldon, co-owner of Romero Cemetery, said that for two years, dead chickens and chicken parts have been dropped off overnight.

He said the chickens have been left periodically from every day to every two weeks. There also

are bones or feathers scattered throughout the cemetery.

Gabaldon said he doesn't know whether the chickens are part of a religious ceremony, but he called the practice disgusting and creepy.

He said he hopes to put up a gate to keep cars out at night.

## Man unhurt by bullet feels 'watched over'

**NH** ROCHESTER — A New Hampshire man says he feels watched over after he was hit in the head by a stray bullet and came away unhurt.

Josh DeMerit, 20, of Rochester, was playing video games at a friend's house Tuesday when he was hit by the bullet that was accidentally fired by a neighbor who was trying to clear a handgun in his home across the street.

Foster's (Dover, N.H.) Daily Democrat said the bullet lost momentum after it traveled through several walls and windows before hitting DeMerit.

The 25-year-old neighbor who fired the gun was charged with reckless conduct and falsifying physical evidence on suspicion of hiding the firearm in a snowbank after the shooting.

DeMerit said he "was being watched over."

## Twins start work same day, retire same day

**OH** SANDUSKY — Twins who started working as nurses on the same day at a hospital in Ohio nearly 40 years ago retired on the same day as well.

Sherry Espisito and Terry Payne said it was only right that they walk out for their last day together.

The twins attended nursing school together and then started work on July 15, 1974.

Terry worked in obstetrics and Sherry was a surgery floor nurse at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky.

They retired near the end of November and are looking to spending their retirement shopping — with each other, of course.

## Raccoon supper draws candidates, crowd

**AR** GILLETTE — The annual raccoon supper in Gillette attracted hundreds of voters plus politicians from across Arkansas.

Saturday's event, formally known as the Gillett Farmers and Businessmen's Club's Coon Supper, began in the 1940s as a fundraiser for Gillett High School athletics and has become a must-attend event for Arkansas politi-

cal hopefuls.

The supper now raises funds for college scholarships while a pre-supper party at the farm of former U.S. Rep. Marion Berry raises funds for a scholarship sponsored by Berry and his wife.

Those attending included U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor, a Democrat running for re-election, and his Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. Tom Cotton.

## 4 held in contraband seizure outside prison

**MS** BRANDON — Rankin County deputies seized several plastic bags of tobacco, a dozen cellphones with phone chargers and other items and arrested four people accused of trying to toss the items over a fence at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility.

Charged with conspiracy to introduce contraband into a correctional facility are Nikita Davis, Antonio Conner, Jeremy Nelson and Yakeyla Rogers, all of Quitman. They are being held in the county jail pending an initial court appearance.

Corrections officials said about a mile of netting is being installed around CMCF to prevent items from being thrown over the fence.

From wire reports

## FACES



UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AP

Taylor Kitsch, left, and Mark Wahlberg star in "Lone Survivor," based on a memoir about a perilous Navy SEAL mission to Afghanistan in 2005. The film doubled its predicted first-weekend earnings.

# Singular accomplishment

## Navy SEAL drama 'Lone Survivor's' \$38.5M blows away box-office competition, expectations

By DERRIK J. LANG  
The Associated Press

"Lone Survivor" triumphed at the weekend box office. The patriotic Navy SEAL drama starring Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch and Ben Foster smashed expectations to earn \$38.5 million domestically in its first weekend in wide release, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The film, directed by "Friday Night Lights" and "Battleship" filmmaker Peter Berg, is based on Marcus Luttrell's memoir about a dangerous mission his Navy SEAL team embarked on in Afghanistan in 2005.

"We're thrilled for us, the filmmakers and Marcus, who — as brave as a man as he is — continues to be brave in telling this true story," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. "It's an amazing result. What's most gratifying about this is that it's been endorsed by every quadrant of the moviegoing audience: young, old, male, female."

Rocco said "Lone Survivor" performed particularly well in middle America. The movie's launch marks the second biggest opening for a film in

January, after the \$40.1 million debut of the monster movie "Cloverfield" in 2008.

"We had an inkling it'd do well when it opened in limited release in December, but projections had it coming in between \$17 million to \$28 million," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "Nothing had it coming close to \$40 million."

In its eighth weekend, Disney's icy animated tale "Frozen" stayed cool in the No. 2 spot, earning \$15 million and bringing its domestic total to \$317 million, passing Disney Animation's \$312 million record set by "The Lion King" in 1994. "Frozen" also was No. 1 internationally with \$27.8 million.

"The Wolf of Wall Street" scored No. 3 in its third weekend, earning \$9 million and boosting its total domestic haul to \$78.6 million. The hedonistic tycoon drama directed by Martin Scorsese stars Leonardo DiCaprio as reckless stock broker Jordan Belfort.

"The Legend of Hercules," the weekend's only other major release, tied "American Hustle" for the No. 4 position, with both films earning \$8.6 million, according to studio estimates.

## Prince to appear on sitcom after Super Bowl

Fox's post-Super Bowl party will include Prince making a guest appearance on the comedy "New Girl."

In an episode of the show that will air directly after the big game next month, Zooey Deschanel's character is invited to a mansion party hosted by Prince — and her friends are determined to crash.

Fox will also air an episode of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" that night after "New Girl," with the show fresh off its Golden Globe award for best comedy.

The Super Bowl is traditionally the most-watched television event of the year, so the time slots after it are considered prime real estate.

In other Super Bowl news, Bruno Mars will have help from the Red Hot Chili Peppers when he performs at halftime.

## Super Bowl halftime alternative: 'Fish Bowl'

As the Puppy Bowl and the Kitten Bowl aim to delight cable TV's cute animal lovers, another network will offer an underwater alternative to the Super Bowl: the four-hour goldfish bowl.

Animal Planet has counter-programmed the NFL championship for the past few years with its own "Puppy Bowl," where adorable pups romp with each other on a football-themed set. Recently, the Hallmark Channel said it would try the same idea on Feb. 2, but with kittens.

The Nat Geo Wild network that it will air "Fish Bowl," stateside from 6 to 10 p.m. EST on Super Bowl Sunday. It will show goldfish swimming around a bowl.

## Outkast announces 40-plus festival dates

Outkast's 20th anniversary comeback is being extended to more than 40 festival dates in 2014.

The Grammy Award-winning rap duo announced the news across its newly launched social media platforms Monday.

Andre "Andre 3000" Benjamin and Antwan "Big Boi" Patton announced last week they were coming off hiatus and performing together for the first time in 10 years at the Coachella Valley Arts & Music Festival in April.

Benjamin and Patton never formally broke up but stopped working together after the release of

the 2006 soundtrack "Idlewild" at the height of their popularity.

## Neighbor accuses Bieber of egging home

Sheriff's deputies are investigating Justin Bieber for yet another dispute with a neighbor that could land him in court.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says Bieber has been named as a suspect in a misdemeanor vandalism and assault crime report for allegedly throwing eggs at a neighbor's home in their gated Calabasas neighborhood Thursday evening.

The 19-year-old pop star allegedly egged the home while his neighbor and neighbor's daughter were on the balcony. Whitmore says the two videotaped the incident.

Whitmore says Bieber won't speak to deputies. Depending on the damage estimate, a charge could rise to a felony.

## White House: Kimmel can't be forced off air

The White House has responded to a petition calling for an apology and the removal of Jimmy Kimmel's television show by saying the comedian can't be forced off the air.

More than 105,000 people signed the petition on the White House website. It followed an October broadcast of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" featuring a segment in which Kimmel spoke to young children about U.S. government debt owed to China. One boy said "kill everyone in China" when Kimmel asked how the U.S. should repay the Asian power.

In its response, the White House noted that ABC and Kimmel have apologized, and that the television network has removed the segment from future broadcasts and its online platforms.

## Other news

■ Prolific TV producer Mark Burnett is becoming a partner with Lucha Libre AAA to create an American version of the popular wrestling league from Mexico. It will begin later this year, and will be shown on the brand-new El Rey television network, which is aimed at English-speaking Latino households.

From The Associated Press

## Online acclaim sends comic 'The Bunker' to print

By MATT MOORE  
The Associated Press

Five people freshly graduated from college, and all on paths that will lead to apocalypse for the world.

It's not what most would expect as they prepare for their own futures but, said writer Joshua Hale Fialkov, it's not every day five friends chance upon a mysterious bunker with warnings about a devastating future to come if ways are not changed and different roads taken.

Such is the premise of "The Bunker" by Fialkov and artist Joe Infurnari, whose work on the book has seen its popularity grow so much that they are jumping the digital divide to offer it in print through Oni Press.

Fialkov says the progression is natural given that there is a prestige to having a book sold in shops, but he says it's about bringing an intriguing story to a new audience, too.

"We're doing it backwards," said Fialkov, though he added that first publishing the book digitally

through Comixology and through its own website helped garner fans and critical accolades, as well as interest from television.

"It's a book that Joe and I decided we wanted to do, a book entirely outside of the system," Fialkov said, noting that it paralleled, in a sense, their own hopes in "knowing what your destiny is."

With the success of the title digitally — five chapters are online at \$1.99 apiece now — publishers expressed interest. Oni was picked because of its reputation for titles like the Scott Pilgrim

books, "Whiteout" and "Queen and Country," Fialkov said.

The 48-page first issue is set for release by Oni Press on Feb. 12, collecting all the previously released digital chapters in full color and, in some cases, redrawn to fit the size of a standard comic book.

"When I got back into comics, prior to making them, Oni books were the ones I was always drawn to," Fialkov said. "Their sensibility really matches what I am into."

Online: thebunkercomic.com





## ENTERTAINMENT: GOLDEN GLOBES

## Golden moments

## Globes give 'American Hustle' Oscar boost

By JESSICA HERNDON  
The Associated Press

The Golden Globes are typically Hollywood's bawdiest awards show — “a wonderful mess,” said co-host Tina Fey of this year's bash. But in the end, after all the boozey banter — some of it bleeped for broadcast — the 1970s corruption tale “American Hustle” got a very serious push toward Oscar glory, picking up three major awards.

Benefiting the most from Sunday night's Globes as focus shifts to the Academy Awards, David O. Russell's con caper locked in best comedy, best actress (Amy Adams) and best supporting actress (Jennifer Lawrence).

Don't count out early-season favorite “12 Years a Slave” just yet. Though it earned only one award, Steve McQueen's historical epic took home the night's top honor: best film drama. But “American Hustle” seems to have emerged as the film to beat.

With the Oscar nominations coming Thursday, last-in-space saga “Gravity” which earned Alfonso Cuarón the best director Globe, could pick up some additional pull with likely nominations in the craft categories, which the Globes don't recognize.

Hosting Sunday night's Globes for the second year in a row, Fey and Amy Poehler drew big laughs as they targeted such A-listers as Matt Damon, Meryl Streep and Leonardo DiCaprio.

One of the evening's well-received jokes was delivered in the opening monologue in a reference Fey made to “Gravity”: “It's a story of how George Clooney would rather float away into space and die than spend one more minute with a woman his own age.”

Last year, the duo led a six-year ratings high with 19.7 million viewers. They'll return as hosts next year.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which presents the Globes, also favored other fact-based films from America's past: the '80s-era AIDS drama “Dallas Buyers Club” and the high-finance extravaganza “The Wolf of Wall Street,” which both won top awards.

“Dallas Buyers Club” stars Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto, who both lost noticeable

weight for their roles — “or as actresses call it, ‘being in a movie,’” joked Fey — won their first Globes for best dramatic actor and best supporting actor. DiCaprio, a nine-time nominee, picked up his second Globe for best comedy actor for his turn as a provocative stockbroker in Martin Scorsese's nearly three-hour “Wall Street.”

Famously absent from awards shows for years, Woody Allen received the Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement honor, which was accepted by the director's “Anne Hall” star Diane Keaton.

Best comedy actress winner Cate Blanchett took home the award for her portrayal of a fallen socialite in Allen's “Blue Jasmine.”

On the television side, “Breaking Bad,” which wrapped its fifth and final season last year, won best drama, and Bryan Cranston took the award for best dramatic actor. Cranston had previously lost four times in the category.

**Amy Adams won the best actress award for a musical or comedy on Sunday, one of three Golden Globes for “American Hustle.”**

Jordan Strauss, Invision/AP



## Awards list

## MOTION PICTURES

**Picture, Drama:** “12 Years a Slave”  
**Picture, Musical or Comedy:** “American Hustle”

**Actor, Drama:** Matthew McConaughey, “Dallas Buyers Club”  
**Actress, Drama:** Cate Blanchett, “Blue Jasmine”

**Director:** Alfonso Cuarón, “Gravity”  
**Actor, Musical or Comedy:** Leonardo DiCaprio, “The Wolf of Wall Street”

**Actress, Musical or Comedy:** Amy Adams, “American Hustle”  
**Supporting Actor:** Jared Leto, “Dallas Buyers Club”

**Supporting Actress:** Jennifer Lawrence, “American Hustle”

**Foreign Language:** “The Great Beauty”

**Animated Film:** “Frozen”

**Screenplay:** Spike Jonze, “Her”

**Original Score:** Alex Ebert, “All Is Lost”

**Original Song:** “Ordinary Love” (music by Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, Larry Mullen Jr. and Brian Burton, lyrics by Bono), “Mandela: Walk Like a Freedom”

**TELEVISION**

**Series, Drama:** “Breaking Bad”

**Actor, Drama:** Bryan Cranston, “Breaking Bad”

**Actress, Drama:** Robin Wright, “House of Cards”

**Series, Musical or Comedy:** “Brooklyn Nine-Nine”

**Actress, Musical or Comedy:** Amy Poehler, “Parks and Recreation”

**Actor, Musical or Comedy:** Andy Samberg, “Brooklyn Nine-Nine”

**Miniseries or Movie:** “Behind the Candelabra”

**Actress, Miniseries or Movie:** Elisabeth Moss, “Top of the Lake”

**Actor, Miniseries or Movie:** Michael Douglas, “Behind the Candelabra”

**Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or Movie:** Jacqueline Bisset, “Dancing on the Edge”

**Supporting Actor, Series, Miniseries or Movie:** Jon Voight, “Ray Donovan”

Previously announced:

Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award: Woody Allen

From The Associated Press

## Golden Globes become increasingly entertaining, relevant

By MARY McNAMARA  
Los Angeles Times

Amy Poehler landed a joke about slavery, Bono paid moving tribute to Nelson Mandela, Leonardo DiCaprio launched the term “Philomania,” and Jacqueline Bisset, well, one doesn't like to conjecture but, in the end, she did leave the stage under her own steam.

After 71 years, the intrinsic value of an award bestowed by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association — 85 foreign entertainment journalists with wildly differing credentials — is still the subject of much debate. But there is no denying that lately the Golden Globes has become the gold standard of awards shows.

Though the Oscars veer from horror show (the Franco/Hathaway disaster) to deadly dull (the Franco/Hathaway disaster) to deadly dull (the Franco/Hathaway disaster) to last year's Seth MacFarlane, viewership and respect for the Golden Globes telecast has only risen steadily in recent years.

Last year, nearly 20 million people tuned in, a six-year ratings high, while critics fell over themselves praising the quick and witty hosting of Poehler and Tina Fey, who acknowledged the show's shady past. For years, the Globes ceremonies were best



PAUL DRINKWATER, NBC/AP

**Hosts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler deserve a lot of credit for the recent rise in ratings and respect for the Golden Globes.**

known for its high alcohol content, but lately it's stood out for its ability to create a space where anything can happen. Last year, it was an appearance by former President Bill Clinton and an odd non-coming-out speech by Jodie Foster.

Dick Clark Productions, which produces the Globes, and NBC quickly signed the pair for two more years, proof that the Hollywood Foreign Press Association understands what the film academy still doesn't: If you want people to watch your tele-

vised awards show, you need to make it good television.

It helps that the Globes honors television along with film, which puts it in a unique position of embodying the increased cross-pollination between the two art forms. Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Idris Elba were nominated in both television and film this year. More important, the producers can draw on people who know how to work on television, something Poehler and Fey capitalize on both figuratively and literally.

Like many great hosts (Billy Crystal, Steve Martin, Bob Hope), the two are successful in both genres and have no problem making fun of the long-held hierarchy. Last year, they described the Globes as “the only show in which the beautiful people of film rub shoulders with the rat-faced people of TV.” This year they used Louis-Dreyfus to call out the segregated seating.

“Interestingly, Julia has decided to sit in the film section,” Fey said as the camera cut to the “Veep” and “Enough Said” star wearing shades and smoking an electronic cigarette.

But in recent years, television has begun outpacing film in both popularity and critical acclaim. A good host might be able to get a reaction from a movie star such as

Jack Nicholson or Matt Damon, but as with the Emmys, the Globes can also count on actual participation by comedians such as Louis-Dreyfus, Melissa McCarthy or, in past years, Ricky Gervais.

Despite the dangerously high expectations, Poehler and Fey returned Sunday night in fine form. In opening the three-hour show, they perfectly balanced their insider knowledge with their outsider personas to create a heady brand of wide-eyed yet stinging commentary.

The show moved through its many awards with a carefree and swinging gait.

But the telecast was by no means perfect — a string of winners arrived on stage absurdly unprepared: Bisset, the night's first winner (for a series, miniseries or movie), seemed near tears. And the layout of the room meant that the winners in television, who were apparently seated at a nearby Ramadan Inn, had to wind their way through the tables of the clearly more valued film nominees.

When Poehler, nominated once again for her role in “Parks and Recreation,” moved from dry, wry host to trembling, stammering award winner, well, television doesn't get any better or more culturally apt than that.

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Airbus has record 2013, trails Boeing

**BY JAMEY KEATEN**  
*The Associated Press*

TOULOUSE, France — After tallying a record number of airplane orders and deliveries last year, Airbus is facing a high bar in 2014.

The European aerospace conglomerate said Monday it delivered 626 planes last year, a company record but still 22 fewer than U.S. rival Boeing Co.

The companies enjoyed a banner year as airlines gobbled up their offerings to renew or build their fleets, cut fuel costs and plan for continued growth in air travel.

Airbus' orders last year rose to 1,619, more than twice its expectations, leading some executives to caution against any precise predictions about how many they'll tally this year. The order backlog — jets it plans to deliver in coming years — sits at a record 5,559.

"The market was extremely bullish ... more bullish than John or me would have thought, and probably Boeing," said Airbus' top executive, Fabrice Bregier, meeting with journalists along with commercial director John Leahy.

Some of the biggest demand came from once-struggling U.S. airlines as well as from emerging markets, particularly Asia.

"The real story for some of you is, where



Lo Sai Hung/AF

**An Airbus A380 flies over Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong in 2007.**

does it go from here?" said Leahy. "The fact is, we cannot as an industry continue at this level. But what we are doing is we're continuing to increase production.

"The point is, we are in a growth industry," he added.

Losing out to Boeing in the delivery tally "doesn't matter to us at all," Leahy said. "I think we're happy with what we've got. It's a duopoly, with a 50-50 split here. I don't really care if they have two more airplanes or we have two more."

Single-aisle aircraft, which are easier to contour to the demands of airline customers than are wide-body jets, make up the bulk of orders these days. The backlog for A320s — including the more fuel-efficient A320 neo in coming years — sits at nearly 4,300 planes.

Airbus says its superjumbo, the A380, is also answering a key demand for air travelers: More space and wider seats for those long-haul flights where passenger comfort is more prized.

Tight seating could even partially explain the flared passenger tempers that have made headlines in recent months.

"You guys should start looking at some of the in-flight disturbances that are starting to happen in airplanes: fights that require people to call the police," Leahy said.

Squeezed seats might be tolerable for a two- or three-hour flight, but "do it for 15 hours — then you do end up with black eyes," said Leahy, pulling in his elbows to mimic his own experience with economy-class travel.

Airbus is set this year to transfer its military aircraft business to another segment of the new Airbus Group — its parent, formerly known as aerospace and defense giant EADS.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 14)	\$1.4017
Dollar buys (Jan. 14)	€0.7134
British pound (Jan. 14)	\$1.68
Japanese yen (Jan. 14)	102.00
South Korean won (Jan. 14)	1,030.00

Commercial rates	
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Canada (Dollar)	1.0875
China (Yuan)	6.0435
Denmark (Krone)	5.4661
Dollar (Pound)	6.9525
Euro	\$1.3654/0.7324
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7545
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Spanish Pes (Pesc)	44.50
Poland (Zloty)	3.04
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South Korea (Won)	1,067.37
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## TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**TUESDAY IN EUROPE****WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC**

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

### Tuesday's US temperatures

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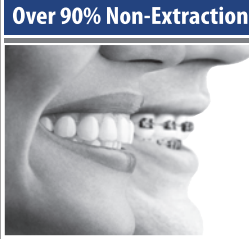


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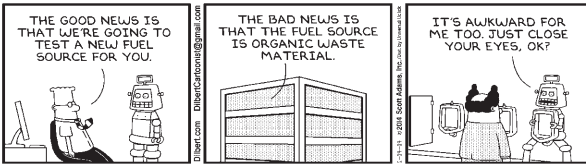
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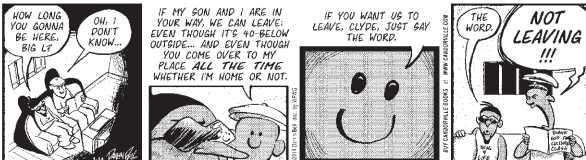
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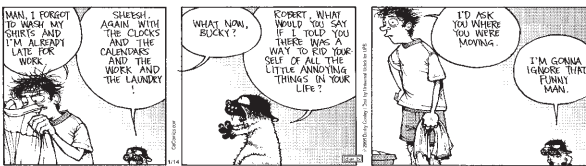
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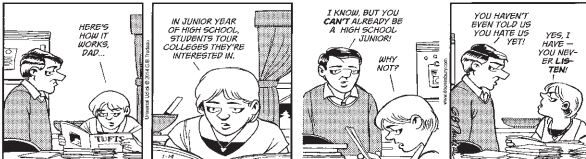
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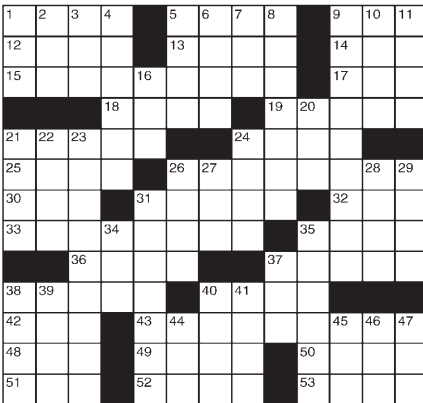
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- 17 Young fellow
- 18 Expense
- 19 Georgia and Cal
- 21 Ready for battle
- 24 Persian bigwig
- 25 Letter opener
- 26 Undulating furniture
- 30 Pismire
- 31 All better
- 32 "— was saying ..."
- 33 Soft shoe
- 35 Con job

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- 2 Carte intro
- 3 Still
- 4 World Cup game
- 5 Dispatches, gang-style
- 6 Settled down
- 7 Bear hair
- 8 Did a slow burn
- 9 Auto style
- 10 Hexagonal state
- 11 Nurse's trayload, for short
- 16 Coal carrier
- 20 Listener
- 21 Leading man?
- 22 Nevada city
- 23 Restaurant souvenir, maybe

- 24 British gun of WWII
- 26 Cowardly sort
- 27 "Entourage" role
- 28 Actor Morales
- 29 Symbol of thinness
- 31 Some appetizers
- 34 Jam ingredient?
- 35 Not so fast
- 37 Blond shade
- 38 "La Cage aux Folles" character
- 39 Hollywood clashers
- 40 "The Simpsons" bus driver
- 41 Highlander
- 44 Uraeus
- 45 Raw rock
- 46 Edge
- 47 Crucial

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### I-14

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## NHL



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Anaheim center Andrew Cogliano scores the game's only goal past Detroit goalie Petr Mrazek (34) and defenseman Brendan Smith as left winger Henrik Zetterberg watches in the second period on Sunday.

## Roundup

# Ducks shut down Red Wings for 17th victory in 18 games

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Even when the weary Anaheim Ducks were missing their best skater on the dangerous end of back-to-back games, Jonas Hiller managed to keep his incredible winning streak intact.

Hiller made 22 saves in his 14th consecutive victory, and the steamrolling Ducks beat the Detroit Red Wings 1-0 Sunday night for their 17th win in 18 games.

Andrew Cogliano scored for the NHL-leading Ducks (35-8-5), who improved to 19-0-2 at home this season despite playing without injured scoring leader Ryan Getzlaf.

All they needed was a second-period goal by Cogliano and 60 outstanding minutes from Hiller, who got his third shutout of the year and the 19th of his career.

"The win, that's what counts," Hiller said. "The other things are just something for yourself. ... It's nice to make a name for myself, but winning as a team is what it's about."

Hiller hasn't lost since Dec. 3, matching four other goalies for the second-longest winning streak in a single season in NHL history. His streak is the league's longest in two decades, and trails only Gilles Gilbert's 17-game run for Boston in the 1975-76 season.

Hiller hadn't posted a shutout during the Ducks' streak and the Red Wings made him earn it all the way down to the frantic final minutes.

Goalies have been amazing for us lately, especially Jonas,"

said Saku Koivu, whose pass set up Cogliano's winning goal. "He made some key saves. The way he's been playing, he's given us some confidence. We know even if we're not at our sharpest, we're going to have a chance to win."

The Ducks are just the fifth team in NHL history to win 17 games in an 18-game stretch, and their latest victory is their seventh straight since a loss at San Jose on Dec. 29. Anaheim's powerful offense had scored at least four goals in each of its last six games, but didn't need more than Cogliano's shot to hold off the Red Wings.

Petr Mrazek stopped 22 shots for the Red Wings. Hiller was nearly matched by Mrazek, who got his first start since Dec. 23 after Jimmy Howard injured his hip while making 44 saves in Detroit's win over Los Angeles on Saturday night.

**Islanders 4, Stars 2:** John Tavares scored with 1:24 to go and Brock Nelson added an empty-netter, leading streaking New York over slumping host Dallas.

Kyle Okposo had two goals in New York's fourth consecutive victory. The Islanders (18-22-7) also have won seven straight road games.

**Sabres 2, Capitals 1 (SO):** Cody Hodgson decided a lackluster game with the only goal in the shootout as visiting Buffalo beat Washington and avoided matching the longest road losing streak in club history at 12.

Tyler Ennis scored in the first period, and Ryan Miller made 28 saves for the Sabres, whose 11-

game road skid was the second-longest in club history, behind a 12-game streak in the 2011-12 season.

**Maple Leafs 3, Devils 2 (SO):** James van Riemsdyk scored in the shootout to lift the host Toronto over New Jersey.

Bozak and van Riemsdyk scored in regulation for Toronto, which had lost four straight since winning the Winter Classic on Jan. 1. Adam Henrique and Ryan Clowe had New Jersey's goals.

**Rangers 4, Flyers 1:** Daniel Carrillo, Rick Nash and Derick Brassard scored less than 10 minutes into the game, and Henrik Lundqvist made 37 saves as host New York routed Philadelphia.

Chris Kreider netted his team-leading 12th goal in the second period to help the Rangers win their third straight and fourth in five (4-0-1).

**Blackhawks 5, Oilers 3:** Marian Hossa had a power-play goal and an assist as host Chicago beat Edmonton to end a three-game losing streak.

Ben Smith, Andrew Shaw, Jonathan Toews and Brent Seabrook also scored for Chicago, which had 15 goals against Edmonton in a three-game sweep of the season series.

**Hait 4, Predators 0:** Dany Heatley had a goal and an assist and Darcy Kuemper made 23 saves for his first career shutout as visiting Minnesota beat Nashville.

Tyler Ziecker and Matt Cooke also scored for Minnesota, which has won five of six.

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	45	21	14	6	129	98	
Tampa Bay	45	27	14	4	58	132	109
Montreal	46	26	15	5	67	117	107
Detroit	46	20	16	10	50	118	127
Toronto	47	21	17	9	49	114	123
Ottawa	46	20	18	8	48	131	146
Florida	45	17	21	7	41	105	139
Nashville	44	15	25	4	31	77	121

## Metropolitan Division

Pittsburgh	47	33	12	2	68	152	112
Washington	45	22	16	7	51	136	135
N.Y. Rangers	47	24	20	3	51	118	124
Philadelphia	46	23	19	4	50	121	129
New Jersey	47	19	18	10	48	108	117
Carolina	45	19	17	9	47	111	128
Columbus	45	21	20	4	46	126	129
N.Y. Islanders	47	18	22	7	43	130	152

## Western Conference

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	48	30	8	10	70	175	132
St. Louis	44	31	6	7	65	161	99
Colorado	45	28	12	5	61	132	115
Minnesota	48	25	18	5	57	127	119
Dallas	45	20	18	7	47	127	139
Nashville	47	19	21	7	45	109	141
Winnipeg	47	19	23	5	43	128	145

## Pacific Division

Anaheim	48	35	8	5	75	161	119
San Jose	46	28	12	6	62	148	116
Los Angeles	46	27	14	5	59	119	96
Vancouver	46	24	13	9	57	123	114
Phoenix	44	21	14	9	51	133	136
Calgary	45	15	24	6	36	101	144
Edmonton	48	15	28	5	35	126	169

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for a tie.

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## Saturday's games

Ottawa 2, Nashville 1, SO	
Tampa Bay 6, Philadelphia 3	
Montreal 2, Chicago 1	
New Jersey 2, Florida 1, OT	
Columbus 6, Winnipeg 2	
Colorado 4, Minnesota 2	
Anaheim 5, Phoenix 3	

Pittsburgh 2, Calgary 1	
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 1	
Boston 1, San Jose 0	

## Sunday's games

Buffalo 2, Washington 1, SO	
Toronto 3, New Jersey 2, SO	
N.Y. Islanders 4, Dallas 2	
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1	
Chicago 5, Edmonton 3	
Minnesota 4, Nashville 0	
Anaheim 1, Detroit 0	

## Monday's games

Calgary at Carolina	
Tampa Bay at Columbus	
Phoenix at Winnipeg	
Vancouver at Los Angeles	
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Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers	
San Jose at Washington	
Philadelphia at Buffalo	
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## Sabres 2, Capitals 1 (SO)

Buffalo won shootout 1-0	1 0 0-2
Washington	1 0 0-1

**First Period**—1, Buffalo, Chmura (Howard, Carrick); 11:01, 2, Buffalo, Ennis (Hodgson, Ehrh); 18:09 (pp.), 3, Buffalo, Ennis (Hodgson, Ehrh); 18:09 (pp.).

**Shootout**—Buffalo 1 (Franson, Keselowski), 5:56 (pp.), 4, New Jersey, Clowe (Zidlicky, Gelfand); 6:23.

**Shots on Goal**—Buffalo 11-9-6-31, Washington 10-8-11-0-29.

**Power-play opportunities**—Buffalo 1 of 5; Washington 0 of 2.

**Goalies**—Buffalo, Miller 12-18-1 (29 shots-28 saves), Washington, Grabauer 6-2-4 (31-30).

**A**—18,506 (18,506), T—2:39.

## Maple Leafs 3, Devils 2 (SO)

New Jersey won shootout 1-0	0 2 0-2
Toronto	1 1 0-3

**First Period**—1, Toronto, Bozak (Kessel, Gleason); 15:55.

**Second Period**—2, New Jersey, Henriquez (Clowe, Greene); 1:39 (pp.), 3, Toronto, van Riemsdyk (Franson, Keselowski); 5:56 (pp.), 4, New Jersey, Clowe (Zidlicky, Gelfand); 6:23.

**Shootout**—New Jersey 0 (Jagr NG, Clowe NG, Boucher NG), Toronto 1 (van Riemsdyk G, Lupul NG, Bozak NG).

**Shots on Goal**—New Jersey 13-14-7-4-38, Toronto 9-10-6-0-25.

**Power-play opportunities**—New Jersey 1 of 4; Toronto 0 of 4.

**Goalies**—New Jersey, Schneider 7-9-6 (3 shots-23 saves), Toronto, Bernier 14-14-14 (36-37).

**A**—18,175 (18,819), T—2:46.

## Blackhawks 5, Oilers 3

Edmonton won shootout 2-1	1 1 1-3
Chicago	1 1 1-3

**First Period**—1, Edmonton, Hensley (Petry); 6:08, 2, Chicago, Smith (Harrison, Kruger); 12:04.

**Second Period**—3, Chicago, Shaw (Leahy, Kane); 2:36, 4, Edmonton, Gordon 8, 11:29 (en-sh), 5, Chicago, Hossa (Leahy, Kane); 11:58 (pp.), 6, Chicago, Toews (Sharp, Hossa); 17:32.

**Third Period**—7, Edmonton, Hall (Schultz, Hensley); 5:17, 8, Chicago, Seabrook 6, 14:18.

**Shots on Goal**—Edmonton 7-6-21, Chicago 11-19-11-41.

**Power-play opportunities**—Edmonton 0 of 1; Chicago 1 of 5.

**Goalies**—Edmonton, Moulson 11-17-2 (41 shots-36 saves), Chicago, Rasmussen 12-13-20 (18).

**A**—21,424 (19,717), T—2:25.

## Wild 4, Predators 0

Minnesota won shootout 2-0	2 0 2-4
Nashville	1 1 0-3

**First Period**—1, Minnesota, Heatley (Coyle, Stuart); 12:03, 2, Minnesota, Zuccarello (Heatley, Coyle); 14:15.

**Second Period**—3, Minnesota, Cooke (Fontaine, Brodzki); 1:14, 4, Minnesota, Scandella (Niederreiter, Granlund); 17:32.

**Shots on Goal**—Minnesota 11-9-23, Nashville 10-13-19-33.

**Power-play opportunities**—Minnesota 0 of 1; Nashville 0 of 2.

**Goalies**—Minnesota, Kuemper 2-1-0 (23 shots-23 saves), Nashville, Mazanec 12-14-0 (23-19).

**A**—16,221 (17,113), T—2:21.

## Leaders

## Scoring

## Through Jan. 12

GP	G	A	Pts
Sidney Crosby, PIT	47	25	47
Patrick Kane, CHI	47	23	50
John Tavares, NYI	45	23	35
Ryan Getzlaf, ANH	46	23	30
Paul Stastny, COL	46	23	30
Corey Perry, ANH	48	25	24
Patrick Marleau, SJS	46	25	24
Chris Kunitz, PIT	47	24	25
Nicklas Backstrom, WAS	41	11	46
Jonathan Toews, CHI	47	17	40

**Blackhawks goalie Antti Ranta makes a save during the first period of Saturday's win over the Oilers at Chicago.**

**PAUL BEATY/AP**



## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

## Djokovic, S. Williams begin bids to repeat

Serb shakes off rust in opener; Serena wins 23rd straight as sister bounced

By DENNIS PASSA  
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — A rusty Novak Djokovic began his bid for a fourth consecutive Australian Open title on Monday with a win over Lukas Lacko while Serena Williams looked as polished as ever beating Australian teenager Ashleigh Barty.

With his new coach and six-time Grand Slam singles champion Boris Becker watching him during an official match for the first time, Djokovic appeared tentative early against the Slovakian player, who often appeared content to keep the ball in play.

But as the second-seeded Djokovic's patience level began to drop, his skill level stepped up. He stayed on course for a fifth Australian title with a 6-5, 7-6 (2), 6-1 win, hoping to be the first man to achieve that feat since the Open Era began in 1968.

Top-ranked Williams won her 23rd consecutive match

— including 18 at the end of last season and four last week in winning the Brisbane International — after beating Barty 6-2, 6-1 in 57 minutes.

"You have to be ready," Williams said. "She had nothing to lose."

Williams continues to be in rarified territory. Her Brisbane title was the 58th of her career — she won 11 last year, including the French Open and U.S. Open. A five-time winner of the Australian Open, she's trying to end Victoria Azarenka's two-year run as women's champion at Melbourne Park.

Williams won 10 of 11 points at the net during the Barty match, but tried to downsize expectations that she'll vacate her usual place at the baseline.

"In my mind I've been at the net (previously), but now I'm physically going there a little more," Williams said. "No pressure. My next match I might stay at the baseline the whole time. It's nothing I'm permanently working on. I'm just trying to have fun and do what I want to do out there."

Djokovic also had a strong finish to 2013, entering the tournament on a 24-match winning streak, which followed his loss to Rafael Nadal in last year's U.S. Open final. He's now also on a 22-match winning streak at Melbourne Park.

"It is the first competitive match I've had this season. I haven't played for five or six weeks," Djokovic said. "I was a bit rusty on the court the first two sets. Afterwards it was all working well."

Serena's sister, Venus Williams, started well earlier Monday but was forced errors in two key periods in her match sent the seven-time major winner out of the tournament.



ANDREW BROWN/ILL/AP

Venus Williams reacts during her first round loss Monday to Russia's Ekaterina Makarova at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, Monday. Makarova won 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The elder Williams missed a break-point chance in the sixth game and then, after getting to 40-30 on serve in the ninth, inexplicably fired three consecutive double-faults to surrender a break and just about the set to No. 22-seeded Ekaterina Makarova.

She took a 3-0 lead in the third before her unforced error toll climbed to 56 and Makarova won six of the next seven games for a 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 win.

The 33-year-old Venus Williams, the second-oldest player in the tournament, has struggled with injuries and illness in recent seasons but reached the final of the WTA event at Auckland to start 2014 and came to Melbourne saying she was feeling better than she had in years.

"The last 12 months I have had

issues," she said. "But this year I definitely am looking forward to having a good run and feeling well."

Three-highly-ranked players were beaten in the first round, including 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitová and two Italians, No. 7 Sara Errani and No. 12 Roberta Vinci.

Sixth-seeded Kvitová lost 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 to No. 88-ranked Luksika Kumkhum of Thailand, who was playing in just her second Grand Slam tournament.

Women's winners included two-time Australian Open finalist Li Na, Wimbledon semifinalist Kirsten Flipkens, No. 9 Angelique Kerber, 2011 U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur, No. 14 Ana Ivanovic, No. 26 Lucie Safarova, No. 28 Flavia Pennetta, No. 30 Eugenie

Bouchard and No. 31 Daniela Hantuchova.

Eighth-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka, who won the recent Chennai Open, was the first man into the next round, advancing after just 15 games when Andrey Golubev retired with an injured left leg.

Other winners were third-ranked David Ferrer, No. 7 Tomas Berdych, No. 9 Richard Gasquet, No. 14 Mikhail Youzhny, No. 17 Tommy Robredo, No. 19 Kevin Anderson, No. 23 Ernests Gulbis, No. 29 Jeremy Chardy, No. 32 Ivan Dodig and American Sam Querrey.

On Tuesday, in the tougher top half the men's draw, top-seeded Rafael Nadal, Wimbledon champion Andy Murray and Roger Federer are all in action.



EUGENE HOSHINO/AP

Novak Djokovic began his bid for a fourth straight Australian Open title with a 6-5, 7-6 (2), 6-1 win over Lukas Lacko on Monday.

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Arizona sets school mark with 17-0 start

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For all of Arizona's decorated basketball history, the 2013-14 Wildcats have done something none of their predecessors accomplished.

Brandon Ashley and T.J. McConnell each scored a season-high 19 points and No. 1 Arizona beat Southern California 73-53 Sunday night to improve to 17-0 for the best start in school history.

"We're really excited about all we really are," Arizona coach Sean Miller said. "We talked about it and it's something I think all of us will really cherish. Any school record you break at Arizona in the basketball program is a real record because of the great tradition that we have."

The 1931-32 Wildcats held the previous record for a 16-0 start. "It feels great to know we got the record," said McConnell, who also had six assists. "But we have to move on because we have another game on Thursday."

Arizona didn't pull away and secure the record until the final minutes. The Wildcats led just



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

**Southern California guard Julian Jacobs, right, passes under pressure from Arizona guard T.J. McConnell during the first half Sunday in Los Angeles. Arizona won 73-53 to improve to 17-0.**

34-31 at halftime and 48-43 with nine minutes to play, but then they reeled off an 18-6 run — highlighted by eight points from McConnell — to finally put USC (9-7, 0-3 Pac-12) away.

All in all, Arizona outscored the Trojans 25-10 in the final 8:33 to turn the close game into a rout and improve to 4-0 in the conference.

"We were just trying to stay

poised the last few minutes of the game and really just had a defensive mindset to really lock down," guard Nick Johnson said. "They're a good team and we knew that coming in. They gave us their best shot and they had us for a little bit, but we rallied back and stayed with it."

Johnson chipped in 15 points and Aaron Gordon had 12 for the Wildcats, the second straight game they've had four players reach double figures in scoring.

Arizona didn't outbreast its opponent for the first time this season, with each team getting 30 boards apiece. But the Wildcats shot 46.6 percent (27-for-58) from the field, including 50 percent in the second half, to pick up the victory.

Ashley was 7-for-10 from the field and McConnell was 7-for-12, including making five of seven from three-point range, to pace the Wildcats.

"Usually I try to step up the offense and get other people the ball, but tonight they were playing off me and I just hit shots,"

said McConnell, a junior point guard. "If they don't think I can shoot I'm going to try and prove them wrong, and if they close out I'll go around them and get other people the ball."

Byron Wesley scored 18 points and reserve Strahinja Gavrilovic added a career-high 10 points to lead the Trojans, who have lost three straight and four of their last six.

The Trojans were held to a season-low 53 points by Arizona, which entered the game allowing the fifth-fewest points per game in the country. USC also took a season-low eight free throw attempts and turned the ball over 18 times.

"We definitely turned the ball over too many times and had too many possessions where we didn't score," Trojans coach Andy Enfield said. "Against a good team like Arizona, you have to convert ... They were us down a bit. When we cut it to five midway in the second half we had a chance to stay in the game, but we didn't do that."

## Top 25 roundup

## Turnovers costly for Buckeyes again

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State started the week with 15 consecutive wins and ended it with consecutive losses.

Now the third-ranked Buckeyes think it might be time to circle the wagons.

LaQuinton Ross scored 22 points, Amir Williams had 11 and Lenzelle Smith Jr. 10 but the Buckeyes watched No. 20 Iowa make all the big plays down the stretch of an 84-74 victory Sunday.

The loss followed the Buckeyes' 72-68 defeat at No. 5 Michigan State on Tuesday night.

For players not accustomed to losing very often, this is a mini-crisis.

"The worst thing we can do is feel sorry for ourselves," point guard Aaron Craft said. "We can't keep this going. We have to find a way to pick ourselves up. No one's going to do it for us. It's the 12 players on the team and the coaches and that's about it."

The Buckeyes (15-2, 2-2 Big Ten) don't have to look too far to see what went wrong.

After averaging 10.3 turnovers a game heading into the Michigan State game, they totaled 38 in those two painful losses. During one span in the final minutes against Iowa, where they had 17 turnovers, they handed the ball over without a shot five times on 11 possessions.

Coach Thad Matta is mystified by the turnaround on turnovers.

"We got to figure that out," he said, shaking his head. "The

biggest thing is getting our guys to understand you can't let one mistake compound into another mistake. That's kind of what happened to us today. We played some really good basketball — so did Iowa. They're a great team. But it's that consistency and understanding of what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, how it needs to be done."

Roy Devin Marble scored 22 points and Aaron White added 19 for the Hawkeyes, who ended the game on a 22-9 run.

The Buckeyes had a nine-point lead at one point in the second half.

It was Iowa's first win over a top 5 team since an 83-65 victory at No. 2 Missouri on Dec. 15, 2001.

**No. 12 Louisville 71, SMU 63:** Luke Hancock had a career-high 23 points, including two free throws with 46 seconds remaining, for host Louisville in a meeting of Hall of Fame coaches.

Hancock's second straight 20-point game helped Rick Pitino's Cardinals (14-3, 3-1 American Athletic Conference) get the final word in his first collegiate matchup against Larry Brown and his Mustangs (11-4, 1-2).

Making his first start despite dealing with a left Achilles issue, the senior guard made eight of 15 shots from the field — four of nine from three-point range — to help keep Louisville ahead in a tense game that Montrezl Harrell finally settled with a dunk and a block after Hancock's free throws.

Russ Smith scored 23 points



CHRIS PIETSC/AP

**Stanford's Dwight Powell, right, tries to inbound the ball as the Oregon "Pit Crew" student section tries to distract him during the closing moments of Sunday's game. Stanford beat No. 17 Oregon 82-80.**

and Harrell added 12 points and 13 rebounds as Louisville bounced back from Thursday's loss to No. 24 Memphis with 47 percent shooting, despite being outbreasted 48-35 including 20-6 on the offensive end.

**No. 13 San Diego St. 79, Air Force 72:** JJ O'Brien had 28 points and 11 rebounds as visiting San Diego State extended its winning streak to 13 games.

It is the second-longest winning streak in school history for the Aztecs (14-1, 3-0 Mountain West) and it continues their second-best start ever behind 20-0 in 2010-11.

Tre' Coggins had 29 points, including five three-pointers, for the Falcons (8-7, 2-2), who led for much of the first half before trailing 31-27 at the break.

The Aztecs held a 39-30 rebounding edge including 17-6 on the offensive end. The Aztecs

were 7-for-14 from beyond the arc while the Falcons were 7-for-20.

**Washington 71, No. 15 Colorado 54:** C.J. Wilcox set career highs with seven three-pointers and 31 points, including 21 in the second half, for host Washington.

Washington (11-6, 3-1 Pac-12) had lost 12 straight against ranked teams.

Colorado (14-3, 3-1) never recovered after leading scorer Spencer Dinwiddie crumbled to the court late in the first half after his left knee buckled while dribbling on a fast break. Dinwiddie had to be helped to the locker room by teammates and did not return.

**Stanford 82, No. 17 Oregon 80:** Anthony Brown scored a career-high 24 points and Stanford held on to send host Oregon to its third straight loss.

Chasson Randle had 23 points for the Cardinal (10-5, 1-2 Pac-

12), who beat their second ranked team this season, something they hadn't accomplished since 2009.

Mike Moser scored 24 points to lead the Ducks (13-3, 1-3), who had two chances to tie the game in the final 8 seconds but Johnathan Loyd missed an open jumper and Dominic Artis had a last-ditch layup roll off the rim as time expired.

Oregon opened the season 13-0 but hasn't won since beating Utah in overtime on Jan. 2.

**Northwestern 49, No. 23 Illinois 43:** Tre Demps scored 11 points and made three late three-pointers to lead the Wildcats to the upset of in-state rival Illinois.

Drew Crawford added 14 points and JerShon Cobb had 11 for Northwestern (9-9, 1-3 Big Ten), which gave coach Chris Collins his first conference victory.

## Scoreboard

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**Sunday**  
**Kings 124, Cavaliers 80**

**CLEVELAND** — Deng 5-11 1-2 12, T.Thompson 2-5 2-2 6, Varejao 4-7 2-2 10, Irving 3-14 4-7, Miles 5-8 1-1 14, Waiters 1-7 3-12, Zeller 3-4 0-4 6, Jack 1-6 0-0 0, Clark 4-7 1-2 11, Dellavedova 0-1 0-0 0, Bennett 1-5 1-2 3, Gay 1-3 1-2 3, Karasev 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 31-80 11-23 80.

**SACRAMENTO** — Gay 8-12 1-1 20, J.Thompson 4-11 0-0 8, Cousins 5-9 6-7 16, Thomas 7-15 10-11 26, Thornton 2-4 0-0 5, Acy 2-3 1-5 7, Williams 4-6 3-5 13, McLemore 2-7 4-4 9, Fredette 5-9 0-1 13, Outlaw 2-4 0-0 6, McCallum 1-1 0-0 3, Totals 42-81 25 124.

Cleveland	32	18	11	19—80
Sacramento	30	29	30	35—124
Three-Point	Goals—Cleveland			7-21

(Miles 3-3, Clark 2-3, Deng 1-3, Waiters 1-5, Karasev 0-1, Dellavedova 0-1, Jack 0-2, Irving 0-3). Sacramento 15-30 (Fredrett 3-5, Gay 3-5, Williams 2-3, Outlaw 2-3, Thomas 2-7, McCallum 1-1, Thornton 1-3, McLemore 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 46 (Varejao 7), Sacramento 59 (J. Thompson 16). Assists—Cleveland 22 (Varejao 6), Sacramento 21 (Thomas 6). Total Fouls—Cleveland 23, Sacramento 23. Technicals—Cleveland defensive three second. A—16,072 (17,317).

**Grizzlies 108, Hawks 101**

**ATLANTA** — Carroll 5-9 3-4 15, Millsap 7-14 6-8 21, Ayon 0-1 0-0 0, Teague 9-18 1-3 20, Korver 4-10 0-0 9, Scott 6-13 0-0 15, Brand 4-4 0-0 8, Williams 0-6 4-6 4, Mack 3-5 2-3 9. Totals 38-80 16-24 101.

**MEMPHIS** — Prince 5-11 0-0 11, Randolph 5-10 8-9 18, Koufos 5-6 1-2 11, Conley 7-15 7-7 21, Lee 7-12 0-0 15, Davis 3-6 0-2 6, Calathes 1-2 0-0 2, Miller 6-8 0-0 15, Johnson 3-7 0-0 7, Leuer 1-6 0-0 2. Totals 43-83 16-20 108.

Atlanta	18	23	31	29-101
Memphis	21	27	29	31-108
Three-Point Goals—Atlanta	9-27			
(Scott 3-8, Carroll 2-5, Korver 1-2, Millsap 1-3, Mack 1-3, Teague 1-3, Williams 0-3).				
Memphis 6-15 (Miller 3-5, Prince 1-1, Lee 1-3, Johnson 1-3, Conley 0-1, Leuer 0-2).				
Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 48 (Korver, Ayon 7), Memphis 46 (Randolph 12). Assists—Atlanta 25 (Millsap 6), Memphis 26 (Conley 13). Total Fouls—Atlanta 16, Memphis 17. A—16,841 (18,119).				

**Spurs 104, Timberwolves 86**

**MINNESOTA** — Brewer 1-5 0-0 2, Love 3-14 8-11 14, Pekovic 10-15 2-2 22, Rubio 3-8 0-0 7, Martin 2-12 2-2 6, Buderger 2-8 0-0 5, Shved 4-7 0-0 11, Turfalo 0-1 0-0 0, Barea 3-9 3-3 9, Cunningham 3-8 0-0 6, Mbah 4 Moute 0-3 0-0 0, Price 2-3 0-0 4, Dieng 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-93 15-18 86.

**SAN ANTONIO** — Leonard 8-11 0-0 17, Duncan 5-9 5-6 15, Diaw 3-4 0-0 7, Parker 5-11 4-4 14, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Belinelli 5-8 2-4 13, Bonner 5-10 0-0 14, Ayres 4-7 0-0 8, Mills 4-6 0-0 10, Joseph 0-4 0-0 0, Baynes 1-1 0-0 2, De Colo 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 42-74 11-14 104.

Minnesota	21	28	22	15	- 86
San Antonio	28	24	29	23	-104
Three-Point	Goals—Minnesota 5				
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Brewer 0-1, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Love 0-2,					
Barea 0-2, Martin 0-3), San Antonio 9-13					
(Bonner 4-5, Mills 2-3, Diaw 1-1, Leonard					
1-1, Belinelli 1-3). Fouled Out—None.					
Rebounds—Minnesota 44 (Love 7), San Antonio					
54 (Duncan 8). Assists—Minnesota 17					
(Rubio 8), San Antonio 31 (Parker 10). Total					
Fouls—Minnesota 13, San Antonio 19.					
Technical—Duncan, A.—18,098 (18,797).					



**The Spurs' Kawhi Leonard shoots during Sunday's win over Minnesota in San Antonio.**

## Roundup

# Thomas, Kings rout Cavs

*The Associated Press*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Isaiah Thomas scored 26 points and the Sacramento Kings won their third straight game with this season's biggest rout, a 124-80 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday night.

The Kings scored 16 straight points in the third quarter and led by 28 points heading into the fourth. The three-game winning streak is Sacramento's first since December 2012. The 44-point victory margin was the largest in the NBA this season, according to STATS.

C.J. Miles had 14 points and Luol Deng added 12 for the Cavaliers, who had won two straight.

Cleveland went just over five minutes without a basket in the third quarter, when it shot 4-for-20 and was outscored 30-11. The Cavaliers were outscored 65-30 in the second half.

Kyrie Irving, the Cavaliers' leading scorer, missed 11 of 14 shots, 3 of 4 free throws, and finished with seven points.

Rudy Gay scored 20 points and DeMarcus Cousins had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings, who concluded a five-game home stand with a 3-2 record. Both Derrick Williams and Jimmer Fredette scored 13 points.

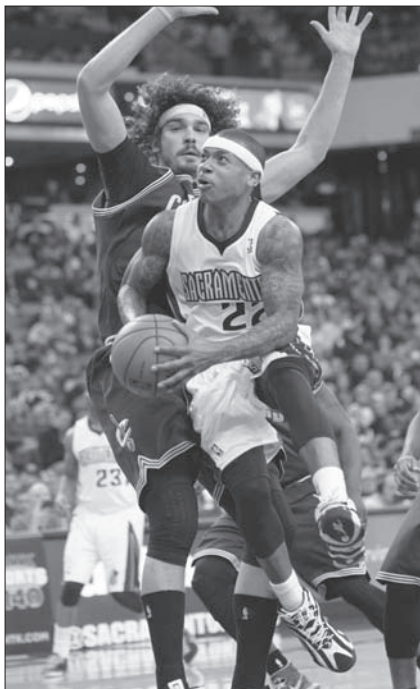
**Grizzlies 108, Hawks 101:** Mike Conley had 21 points and 13 assists, and Zach Randolph added 18 points and 12 rebounds to lead host Memphis over Atlanta.

Paul Millsap scored 21 points to lead the Hawks, who had won two straight. It was only the Hawks' third loss to the Grizzlies in the past 15 games.

Memphis pulled away in the fourth quarter behind Conley, who tied a career best with 31 points in a victory over the Phoenix Suns on Friday. Conley had eight points in the final quarter, including two free throws that gave the Grizzlies a 102-92 lead with 2:46 left.

**Spurs 104, Timberwolves 86:** Kawhi Leonard scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half as San Antonio held off visiting Minnesota for its fourth straight win.

Tim Duncan had 15 points and



**RICH PEDRONCELLI/AF**

**Kings guard Isaiah Thomas, right, drives to the basket against Cavaliers center Anderson Varejao during the third quarter of Sunday's game in Sacramento, Calif. The Kings won 124-80.**

Tony Parker added 14 points and 10 assists for Western Conference-leading San Antonio. Matt

— including 4-for-5 shooting on three-pointers — and Marco Belinelli had 13 points and Patty Mills added 10.

Nikola Pekovic scored 22 points

to lead Minnesota. Kevin Love had 14 points and Alexey Shved added 11.

Already without Manu Ginobili and Tiago Splitter, the Spurs lost Danny Green early in the second quarter to a sprained finger. Minus two of their top wings, Leonard took over in the second half.



## MLB/SPORTS BRIEFS



PHOTO COURTESY OF 60 MINUTES/AP

Biogenesis founder Anthony Bosch, left, in a "60 Minutes" interview that aired Sunday on CBS, explained how he designed and administered an elaborate doping program for Yankees' All-Star Alex Rodriguez beginning in 2010. Bosch said Rodriguez paid him \$12,000 per month.

# Bosch outlines A-Rod's PED regimen in interview

Biogenesis founder says All-Star paid him \$12K per month

By HOWIE RUMBERG  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's key witness in its case against Alex Rodriguez said he designed and administered an elaborate doping program for the 14-time All-Star starting in 2010.

Anthony Bosch, the founder of the now shuttered Florida anti-aging clinic, Biogenesis, said in a "60 Minutes" interview aired on CBS on Sunday night that Rodriguez paid him \$12,000 per month to provide him with an assortment of banned drugs that included testosterone and human growth hormone.

Rob Manfred, the chief operating officer of Major League Baseball, said during the news program that Bosch chose to cooperate in the investigation in part because he feared for his life.

MLB's suspension of Rodriguez was reduced on Saturday by an arbitrator from 211 games to 162, plus all playoff games next season. Rodriguez's lawyers plan to file a suit in federal court Monday to overturn the arbitration ruling.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who did not testify during the slugger's appeal, defended the largest suspension ever handed out under the Joint Drug Agreement.

"In my judgment his actions were beyond comprehension," Selig said on the show. "I think 211 games was a very fair penalty."

Bosch said he began working with Rodriguez — who was motivated by his pursuit of 800 career home runs — five days before the New York Yankees' third baseman hit his 600th homer on Aug.

**'In my judgment his actions were beyond comprehension.'**

Bud Selig  
MLB Commissioner on Alex Rodriguez in "60 Minutes" interview

4, 2010. Bosch said the first words out of Rodriguez's mouth were: "What did Manny Ramirez take in 2008 and 2009?"

Ramirez was suspended 50 games in 2009 while with the Los Angeles Dodgers after testing positive for a banned drug.

Of the 14 players suspended as a result of MLB's investigation into Biogenesis, Rodriguez was the only one to appeal the ban.

A self-taught practitioner who was once fined \$5,000 for practicing medicine without a license, Bosch outlined his relationship with the three-time AL MVP. He said he designed the program to help Rodriguez maximize the effects of the drugs and remain clean in the eyes of baseball. Rodriguez never failed a test during the period in question.

Detailing a clandestine operation, Bosch said the duo used code words for the drugs like "gummies" for testosterone lozenges, which Rodriguez sometimes took right before games. Bosch said he once drew A-Rod's blood in the bathroom of a Miami restaurant.

Bosch also said he injected A-Rod with drugs because the former top pick with 654 career homers was afraid of needles.

Details of Bosch's relationship with Rodriguez have never been made public because the Joint

Drug Agreement and Collective Bargaining Agreement requires confidentiality from both sides.

Rodriguez's lawyer Joseph Tacopina chastised MLB for participating in the segment — even though he also was interviewed.

The players' association, which filed the appeal on Rodriguez's behalf, said in a statement it was disappointed, and that they might take action.

The 38-year-old Rodriguez has denied he ever took illegal substances after 2003 — he admitted in 2009 he took steroids from 2001-03. He already sued MLB and Selig in October, claiming they are engaged in a "witch hunt" against him.

Baseball finally got its breakthrough with Bosch after MLB sued him. A lawyer advised Bosch to "align oneself with somebody as powerful as Alex."

"He told us that there had been threats on his life," Manfred said. "Some of them were associates of baseball players which was an issue of great concern to us, some of them were associates of Alex Rodriguez. ... The individual that was of greatest concern to Mr. Bosch was a known associate of Mr. Rodriguez."

MLB and Bosch struck a deal that included security in exchange for his testimony.

## Briefly

# Abbott wins fourth US skating crown

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Jeremy Abbott was reminding himself to feel his legs, the pressure of the moment weighing down on him.

Then he heard the chants from the crowd: "5... 4... 3..." Abbott hurried to the center of the ice, and when his music started just before the countdown clock expired, he thought, "Thank God I'm not disqualified."

Better than that: He's a four-time U.S. figure skating champion and a repeat Olympian.

Abbott steeled himself through the nerves in his free skate Sunday to win at his final national. Teenager Jason Brown was second, earning the Americans' second spot in Sochi.

For a skater who has turned in some brilliant performances at this event, Abbott's program Sunday was far from his best — but more than enough.

"It wasn't a perfect skate, but, God, I enjoyed every moment of it," he said.

Defending champion Max Aaron was third. The top-two finishers didn't automatically qualify for the Olympics, but U.S. Figure Skating officials stuck with the standings in picking the team later Sunday.

Abbott is the 11th man to win at least four U.S. championships, a list that includes Dick Button, Scott Hamilton, Brian Boitano and Todd Eldredge. He beat Evan Lysacek at the 2010 nationals before the last Olympics, only to finish ninth when his countryman captured gold in Vancouver.

## Top LSU rusher Hill opts for NFL draft

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU leading rusher Jeremy Hill has decided to enter the NFL Draft.

In an announcement made Monday on a social media website, Hill said he's grateful to LSU fans, friends, coaches and family and his decision was "very difficult."

Hill played two seasons at LSU and was the Tigers' leading rusher each season. He rushed for 1,401 yards and 16 touchdowns this season.

The Baton Rouge native's college career was delayed one season by criminal charges resulting from his relationship with a girl at his high school. Last spring, he was involved in a scuffle outside a bar, resulting in more charges. He remains on probation.

In other college football news: ■ Georgia defensive coordinator Todd Grantham has accepted a similar position on Bobby Petrino's staff at Louisville.

Georgia coach Mark Richt confirmed Sunday night that Grantham had accepted an offer from the Cardinals. Grantham was Georgia's defensive coordinator for four years.

## Eagles' Jackson offers \$50K reward in theft

PHILADELPHIA — Eagles receiver DeSean Jackson is offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to a conviction in the burglary of his Philadelphia home.

A statement from a spokeswoman for the receiver said Sunday the burglary happened while Jackson was out of town on vacation.

Police said at least \$250,000 in cash and jewelry was taken from the home, along with a handgun. Jackson's statement says a small amount of money was taken and stolen items make up the bulk of the loss.

Jackson was the Eagles' leading receiver this season with 82 catches for 1,332 yards and nine touchdowns. He signed a five-year, \$51 million contract before the 2012 season.

## Jets fire Noel after 5-game losing streak

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Claude Noel was fired as coach by the Winnipeg Jets and replaced with Paul Maurice.

Noel was fired amid a five-game losing streak that dropped the Jets to 19-23-5 and 10 points out of the final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Noel, hired after the Atlanta Thrashers moved to Winnipeg before the 2011-12 season, went 80-79-18 during his tenure with the Jets.

Assistant coach Perry Pearn was also fired along with Noel.

Maurice inherits a team that has struggled in its third season in Winnipeg thanks in part to inadequate goaltending and defensive breakdowns. The 46-year-old has been behind the bench as an NHL head coach for 1,084 games.

## Sabres Grigorenko agrees to demotion

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Buffalo Sabres rookie center Mikhail Grigorenko will be reporting to his Canadian Junior Hockey League team after all.

The Sabres announced on their Twitter account on Sunday night that Grigorenko has informed them that he will report to Quebec City. The decision comes a day after the team's 2012 first-round draft pick balked at being demoted, saying he wanted to take time to "think about my career."

Grigorenko's agent, Jay Grossman, told The Associated Press his client agreed to report to the Bells. The decision comes a day after the team's 2012 first-round draft pick balked at being demoted, saying he wanted to take time to "think about my career."

Grigorenko has had difficulty finding a niche in Buffalo since the Sabres selected the Russian-born player with the 12th pick in the 2012 draft. He has three goals and five assists in 43 career games with the Sabres.



## NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton had his first taste of the NFL playoffs come to a bitter end on Saturday with a 23-10 loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

# Newton's first playoff game ends in defeat

By Aaron Beard  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Most of his Carolina Panthers teammates had cleared out of the locker room by the time a somber Cam Newton sat down at his locker to mull how his first playoff game ended with a loss.

Cornerback Drayton Florence walked by with a consoling pat on Newton's right shoulder. Moments later, safety Mike Mitchell stopped to whisper something to his quarterback.

These moments — the missed opportunities, the sting that comes with having a season end abruptly — will stay with the former No. 1 overall draft pick after Sunday's 23-10 loss to the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC divisional round.

"We have to accept the task at hand and make the most of it because playoff football is a different speed than the regular season," Newton said. "I learned that first-hand today."

It took Newton, the former Heisman Trophy winner who led Auburn to a national championship in 2010, three seasons to reach the playoffs. He led a Panthers team that started 1-3 to eight straight wins to turn around their season and win the franchise's fourth division title, the No. 2

playoff seed and a first-round bye.

But Carolina struggled to finish first-half drives against the 49ers' playoff-tested defense, then couldn't get much going through the second half as Colin Kaepernick got the San Francisco back to the NFC championship game for the third straight season.

Newton wouldn't say it was his toughest loss.

"A loss is a loss," he said. "But (with) the preparation going into it, I felt as if I was ready more than any other game. Being that we took a loss, it's kind of hurtful."

Newton finished 16-for-25 for 267 yards passing, including a perfectly thrown 31-yard touchdown throw to Steve Smith in the second quarter.

Newton also ran for a team-best 54 yards on 10 carries, but the mistakes added up both for him and the Carolina offense. He threw two interceptions and twice came up short of the end zone on keepers from the 1.

He also was sacked five times, including on back-to-back plays to kill a promising third-quarter drive.

"I think Cam had his moments, did some really good things," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "Again, we have to protect him and give him opportunities. ... A couple things happened that we missed obviously and ... we will learn from these things."

## Foes: Old rivals Manning, Brady set to meet for 15th time

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Manning was 25 of 36 for 230 yards and two TDs, but the Broncos controlled the clock on the ground. After gaining just 18 yards against San Diego last month, the Broncos ran for 133 yards, including 82 by Knowshon Moreno, whose 3-yard TD run put them ahead 24-7 with 8:12 left.

The Chargers rallied to get within a score late, but Manning completed a pair of key third-down passes in the final minutes to prevent San Diego from getting a final chance.

"They're a great team, they had a big win (Saturday) night," Manning said of the Patriots. "We're going to enjoy this one tonight, start to work on them tomorrow and I know it'll be a heck of a game."

At Foxborough, Mass., LeGarrette Blount carried the Patriots (13-4) to their third straight AFC title game with four touchdown runs against the Colts. Stevan Ridley added two rushing scores, giving New England six TDs — and none by Brady.

"The way our defense is getting the ball for us and, really, what we've done the last three or four weeks (with) the running game has just been awesome," Brady said. "Hopefully, we can do it next week, too."

In the NFC, the 49ers and Seahawks are all set to play in the latest chapter in one of the NFL's budding — and bitter — rivalries.

The Seahawks (14-3) opened as 3-point favorites for the game at Seattle against 49ers (14-4), who



TED S. WARREN/AP

Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch celebrates after running for a 31-yard touchdown against the Saints on Saturday. Lynch ran for a playoff-record 140 yards and two touchdowns as top-seeded Seattle pounded the ball against New Orleans en route to a 23-15 victory.

defeated the Carolina Panthers 23-10 on Sunday.

On Saturday, Marshawn Lynch ran for a franchise playoff-record 140 yards and two touchdowns and Seattle's defense flustered Drew Brees and New Orleans in a 23-15 victory. The top-seeded Seahawks advanced to the NFC title game for the second time,

and first since the 2005 playoffs.

"We haven't done anything yet," quarterback Russell Wilson said. "That's our goal. We have 60 minutes of football left."

San Francisco, which lost last year to Baltimore, is looking for a return trip to the Super Bowl. And lots of hard hits and plenty of jawing might be expected in this lat-

est matchup with the Seahawks.

"I think we're the two teams everyone was looking at from the beginning," 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick said. "It's going to be a knockdown, drag-out game."

Count on it.

The previous few games between the NFC West rivals have

been full of contempt, with shoving, pushing and arguing spicing things up. Even the coaches don't care for each other.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll and 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh have been rivals dating to their days as opponents in the old Pac-10. In 2009, after Harbaugh's Stanford team ran up the score on Carroll's Southern California squad in a 55-21 rout, the two met at midfield and an annoyed Carroll barked, "What's your deal?"

That's carried over to the NFL — and it might get ramped up again during the week.

"We're healthy, we're a great team and we're willing to do whatever it takes to get that ring," 49ers running back Frank Gore said. "We're playing great ball."

Good thing, since the 49ers have committed seven turnovers and been outscored 71-16 in their past two trips to Seattle, including a 29-3 Week 2 loss in September.

"We're a different team than we were the first time we played them up there," Kaepernick insisted.

The 49ers will get a chance to prove that next weekend.

At Seattle, Steven Hauschka kicked three field goals in blustery conditions, and Lynch capped the victory with a 31-yard scoring run with 2:40 left that Carroll celebrated by jumping into offensive line coach Tom Cable's arms.

"It feels awesome," fullback Michael Robinson said, "but this doesn't mean anything if we don't win next week."

AP Sports Writers Tim Booth, Janie McCauley, Steve Reed, Arnie Stapleton and Howard Ulman contributed.

## NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS



BEN EARP, THE STAR/AP

San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick, right, looks to pass during the NFC playoff game against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday in Charlotte, N.C. The 49ers won 23-10 and advanced to the NFC championship game for the third consecutive season to play Seattle.

## Kaepernick outplays Newton as 49ers top Panthers

BY STEVE REED  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Colin Kaepernick raced into the end zone, then pretended to rip open his shirt with both hands imitating Cam Newton's Superman touchdown celebration.

Three years of frustration had come to a head.

"Just a little shoutout," Kaepernick said.

To whom?

"I think you know the answer," Kaepernick said with a grin.

Kaepernick said he "will never forget" that he was selected in the second round of the 2011 NFL draft, 35 spots behind Newton, the Heisman Trophy winner and the top pick that season.

On Sunday, he outplayed his quarterback counterpart, throwing one touchdown pass and running for another score as the San Francisco 49ers defeated the Carolina Panthers 23-10 to advance to the NFC title game for the third straight season.

Kaepernick completed 15 of 28 passes for 196 yards in the divisional playoff win, avenging his worst statistical performance of the season two months ago against the Panthers.

"That's not the first, nor will it be the last time somebody does that," Newton said of Kaepernick's copycat display before leaving the postgame podium.

Anquan Boldin had eight catches for 136 yards and Frank Gore ran for 84 yards on 17 carries for the 49ers (14-4), who will visit Seattle next Sunday looking for a return trip to the Super Bowl.

"I think we're the two teams that everybody was looking at



CHUCK BURTON/AP

San Francisco 49ers strong safety Donte Whitner tackles Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton in the first half of their NFC divisional playoff game on Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

from the beginning," Kaepernick said. "It's going to be a knock-down, drag-out game."

The 49ers will have their hands full.

San Francisco (14-4) split two games with the Seahawks this season, but lost 29-3 at CenturyLink Field in September.

The 49ers were missing receiver Michael Crabtree in that lopsided loss. Crabtree only had three catches for 26 yards against

Carolina, but Boldin said he drew plenty of double teams that allowed him to get open.

"That's the great thing about our team — we have weapons all around," Boldin said. "You try to take one guy out and you still have two or three guys left who can make big plays."

The 49ers held Newton in check, intercepting him twice and sacking him five times while stopping the Panthers (12-5) twice on the

## Did you know

San Francisco earned its 15th trip to the NFC championship game with Sunday's win over the Panthers.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

1-yard line in the first half.

Newton finished with 267 yards passing and had 54 yards on 10 carries, but the Panthers only found the end zone once — on a 31-yard TD strike to Steve Smith.

It was a rough playoff debut for Newton. Linebacker Ahmad Brooks stopped Newton on a fourth-down sneak early in the second. Later, Brooks vaulted over the line and past Newton — he was called for offside, but the 49ers showed the Panthers it wouldn't be easy.

"Terrible ending to a great season," Newton said.

Almost fittingly, he misfired into the end zone on the final play of the game.

Kaepernick was held to 91 yards passing, 16 yards rushing and sacked six times in the first meeting with Carolina, a 10-9 loss at Candlestick Park. But he played efficient football Sunday.

"We had to get settled down," Kaepernick said. "We came out, they did some unorthodox things against us. We settled down, we got into our rhythm, we started making plays."

## Scoreboard

## NFL playoffs

<b>Wild-card round</b> Saturday, Jan. 4	
Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 44	
New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24	
Sunday, Jan. 5	
San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10	
San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20	
<b>Divisional round</b> Saturday, Jan. 11	
Seattle 23, New Orleans 15	
New England 43, Indianapolis 22	
Sunday, Jan. 12	
San Francisco 23, Carolina 10	
Denver 24, San Diego 17	
<b>Conference Championships</b> Sunday, Jan. 19	
New England vs. Denver	
San Francisco at Seattle	
<b>Super Bowl</b> Sunday, Feb. 2	
At East Rutherford, New Jersey	
New England-Denver: winner vs. San Francisco-Seattle: winner	

## Sunday

## 49ers 23, Panthers 10

San Francisco	6	7	3	23
Carolina	0	10	0	10
<b>First Quarter</b>				
SF—FG Dawson 49, 9:12				
SF—FG Dawson 34, 4:33				
<b>Second Quarter</b>				
Car—S-Smith 31 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 13:40				
Car—FG Gano 24, 3:41				
SF—VDavis 1 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), 6:5				
<b>Third Quarter</b>				
SF—Kaepernick 4 run (Dawson kick), 8:53				
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>				
SF—FG Dawson 34, 7:35				
A—73,784				
<b>SF</b>				
First downs	21	18		
Total Net Yards	316	325		
Rushes-yards	34-126	24-93		
Passing	189	232		
Punt Returns	0-0	2-27		
Kickoff Returns	0-0	4-78		
Interceptions Ret.	2-7	0-0		
Comp-Att-Int	15-30-0	16-25-2		
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-47-5	2-42-0		
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0		
Penalties-Yards	5-40	8-73		
Time of Possession	29:55	30:05		

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

<b>Rushing—San Francisco</b>	Gore 17-84, Hunter 9-27, Kaepernick 8-15, Carolina, Newton 10-54, Tolber 8-20, D.Williams 5-13, LaFell 1-6.
<b>Passing—San Francisco</b>	Kaepernick 15-20-0-16, Boldin 0-1-0-0, Lee 0-1-0-0, Carolina, Newton 16-25-2-267.
<b>Receiving—San Francisco</b>	Boldin 8-136, Crabtree 3-26, Patton 1-23, Gore 1-8, Tukuafu 1-2, V.Davis 1-1, Carolina, Ginn Jr. 4-104, S-Smith 4-74, Olsen 4-55, LaFell 4-34.
<b>Missed field goals—None.</b>	

## Broncos 24, Chargers 17

San Diego	0	0	0	17-17
Denver	7	7	3	7-24
<b>First Quarter</b>				
Den—D.Thomas 2 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 2:25				
<b>Second Quarter</b>				
Den—Welker 3 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 6:00				
<b>Third Quarter</b>				
Den—FG Prater 45, 8:35				
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>				
SD—Allen 16 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 12:59				
Den—Moreno 3 run (Prater kick), 8:12				
SD—Allen 16 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 5:43				
SD—Novak 30, 3:53				
A—76,669				

<b>First downs</b>	13	26
Total Net Yards	259	363
Rushes-yards	18-55	34-133
Passing	154	230
Punt Returns	0-0	2-66
Kickoff Returns	0-0	3-77
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	18-27-1	25-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-23	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-63	5-50
Time of Possession	24:23	35:27

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

<b>Rushing—San Diego</b>	Woodhead 9-29, Matthews 5-26, Rivers 3-10, R.Brown 1-0, Denver, Moreno 23-82, Bal 10-52, Manning 1-1.
<b>Passing—San Diego</b>	Rivers 18-27-0-217, Denver, Manning 25-36-1-230.
<b>Receiving—San Diego</b>	Allen 6-142, Brown 3-48, Woodhead 3-48, Gates 2-10, Green 2-7, Royal 1-30, Denver, D.Thomas 8-54, J.Thomas 6-76, Welker 6-38, Decker 2-34, Caldwell 1-15, Moreno 1-12, Green 1-3.
<b>Missed field goals—San Diego</b>	Novak 53 (WL), Denver 47 (WL).

## Most postseason coaching victories

Through Jan. 11

<b>Coach, Teams</b>	<b>x-Active</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>
Tom Landry, Dallas		20	16	.556
x-Bill Belichick, Cleveland		19	8	.704
Don Shula, Miami		19	17	.528
Joe Gibbs, Washington		17	7	.708
Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh		16	8	.667



## NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

## Broncos get the job done this time

## Beating Chargers erases the sting of loss to Ravens

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Peyton Manning took a knee again, just as he had at the end of regulation exactly a year earlier against the Baltimore Ravens.

Only this time, he trotted off to cheers, high-fives and smiles.

Manning welcomed Wes Welker back into the lineup with a touchdown toss Sunday and the Denver Broncos narrowly avoided a repeat of their playoff slip from last year, advancing to the AFC championship game with a 24-17 win over the San Diego Chargers.

The Broncos (14-3) took a 17-0 lead into the fourth quarter before Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers capitalized on an injury to cornerback Chris Harris Jr. — who will miss the rest of the playoffs with a torn ACL — to stage a comeback reminiscent of Baltimore's shocking win 38-35 in double overtime at Denver.

On that night, Jacoby Jones hauled in a 70-yard pass from Joe Flacco to tie it and Denver coach John Fox had Manning take a knee so the Broncos could regroup in overtime.

This time, Manning rescued the Broncos from the brink of another crushing collapse and sent them into the title game for the first time in eight seasons.

They'll host the New England Patriots (13-4) on Sunday.

Get ready for Brady vs. Manning once more.

In the most recent matchup of QBs with Hall of Fame credentials, Tom Brady and the Patriots rallied past Manning and the visiting Broncos 34-31 in overtime on Nov. 24.

"That's two of the greats," Eric Decker said. "It's going to be talked about a lot throughout the week."

"It's the Broncos versus the Patriots and certainly Tom and I have played against each other a lot," Manning said. "But when you get to the AFC championship, it's about two good teams that have been through a lot to get there."

The Chargers regretted not trying another outside kick after Manning converted a 20-yard pass to Julius Thomas on third-and-17 from his 20-yard line, the first of three third-down conversions on Denver's final possession.

In their playoff loss last year, they couldn't salt away a fourth-quarter lead, in no small part because of curious calls and inexact execution.

"I felt like that game last year forced us to address those types of situations all season long," Manning said. "We've worked on it in training camp, we've worked on it in the season. ... It was nice



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Denver Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker (83) catches a pass for a touchdown against the San Diego Chargers in the second quarter of their AFC divisional playoff game on Sunday in Denver. The Broncos won 24-17 and will meet New England in the AFC championship game.

## Did you know

The Denver Broncos reached the AFC title game for the first time in eight years after Sunday's win over the Chargers.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

that all that hard work paid off for us."

Manning also hit Thomas on third-and-6 from his 45, then the Broncos iced it on Knowshon Moreno's 5-yard burst on third-and-1 with 1:12 left.

"When they got that first down I was jumping up and down," Broncos defensive lineman Malik Jackson said. "It was delightful."

"If we got it one more time, I believe deep down we would've tied that thing up," Rivers said. "But we didn't. Those are all a bunch of what-ifs."



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers (17) follows through on a pass against the Denver Broncos in the fourth quarter of Sunday's AFC divisional playoff game in Denver. The Chargers rallied with 17 points in the final period, but fell 24-17.

Manning ended a personal three-game postseason skid in winning for the first time since leading Indianapolis over the Jets 30-17 in the AFC championship game on Jan. 24, 2010.

Manning completed 25 of 36 passes for 230 yards and two TDs, numbers that weren't quite up to the standards he set during a record-breaking regular season when he established new bench-

marks with 55 TD passes and 5,447 yards.

But it was windy and the Broncos were intent on establishing the run and controlling the clock, and they converted 9 of 13 third downs while holding the ball for 35½ minutes.

After gaining just 18 yards on the ground against San Diego last month, the Broncos ran for 133 yards, including 82 by Moreno,

whose 3-yard TD run put them ahead 24-7 with 8:12 left.

After that, things got interesting.

Keenan Allen hauled in a 49-yard catch with Quentin Jammer in coverage on fourth-and-5 from the San Diego 25 with seven minutes left. That led to his second TD — both from 16 yards — that pulled the Chargers to 24-14 with 5:43 left.

"We got those two touchdowns in the second half, but it's unfortunate we didn't get started earlier," said Allen, who finished with 142 yards on six catches.

Decker then made his third big blunder of the day, flubbing the onside kick, which San Diego recovered, leading to Nick Novak's 30-yard field goal with 3:53 remaining that pulled the Chargers (10-8) to within a touchdown.

Novak followed with a pooch kick, and Trindon Holliday secured the ball at the Denver 27 with 3:51 left.

Manning's third-down brilliance kept the Chargers' offense on the sideline.

"Third-and-17, I was thinking we were definitely going to get the ball back," Allen said. "And we were feeling good on the offensive side, having the momentum. It was just unfortunate we didn't get it."



## SPORTS



## Fly, Ducks, Fly

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## NFL PLAYOFFS



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49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, right, celebrates scoring a touchdown against the Panthers with wide receiver Quinton Patton during the NFC divisional playoffs at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., on Sunday. San Francisco won 23-10 to advance to the NFC championship game for the third consecutive year.

# Familiar foes: Rivals old and new set to meet in conference championships

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
The Associated Press

Familiar foes. Rivalry showdowns.

Talk about a couple of juicy title-game tussles.

It's Peyton Manning vs. Tom Brady — Round 15 — in the AFC championship game next Sunday, while the San Francisco 49ers square off against the Seattle Seahawks in the NFC title bout.

Yep, here we go again. With a Super Bowl trip on the line.

"It's the Broncos versus the Patriots and certainly Tom and I have played against

each other a lot," Manning said, "but when you get to the AFC championship, it's about two good teams that have been through a lot to get there."

Manning helped lead Denver past the San Diego Chargers 24-17 on Sunday, setting up another meeting with Brady and New England, which beat Indianapolis 43-22 on Saturday night. The Broncos (14-3) opened as 6½-point favorites for the game at Denver.

"That's two of the greats," Denver wide receiver Eric Decker said. "It's going to be talked about a lot throughout the week."

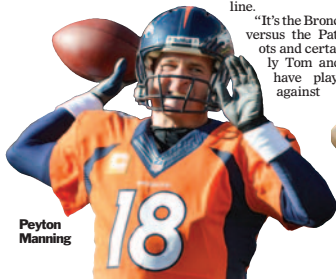
Manning and Brady have squared off 14 times throughout

their careers, with the Patriots quarterback holding a 10-4 edge in the head-to-head matchup, including a 34-31 overtime victory in November. They each have a win against the other in the AFC championship game: Brady in 2003 and Manning in 2006 with Indianapolis.

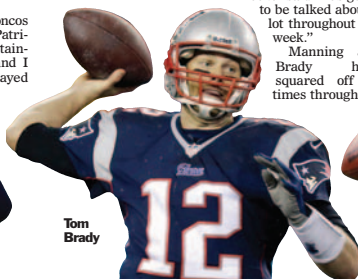
And the winner went on to win the Super Bowl each time.

But, it's not necessarily the same old story this time around. Both the Broncos and Patriots have been winning with balanced offenses, relying not only on the strong arms of their record-breaking quarterbacks but also on their running games.

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